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'Nobody will be spared for insulting Netaji ': Suvendu

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid the political storm over alleged insult to the country's greatest political icon Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari has directed the police to arrest those making derogatory comments on Netaji, and said nobody will be spared as the law is equal for MPs, MLAs and government officials.

The Chief minister's direction to the police came days after BJP MP Nagen-dranath Roy, popularly known as Ananta Maharaj, described Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as a "war criminal" and questioned his leadership and the role of the Azad Hind Fauj in India's freedom struggle. Speaking to reporters at the state secretariat 'Nabanna', Suvendu Adhikari said that nobody would be spared, regardless of their political status or official identity. "I have asked the police to take stringent action against those making derogatory remarks against the great iconic leader Netaji on social media. Police have been directed to arrest those behind this," he said. On whether police will take any action



against Ananta Maharaj, Adhikari said, "I will not name anyone, but the law is equal for MLAs, MPs, leaders of any party, government officials, or police officers." The Chief minister also asked those making derogatory remarks against Netaji on social media platforms to immediately delete the posts and issue an apology. "Strict action will be taken against all those who allegedly insulted the stalwart Bengali freedom fighter openly or through social media", the Chief minister reiterated.

Suvendu Adhikari said a delegation led by MLAs from North Bengal including Dipak Barman and Nisith

Pramanik said some people openly and few through social media are trying to tarnish the image of national leader Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. "They asked me to take action against the people who are trying to malign our national hero. We respect the great leader and we will not accept this kind of things from the soil of Bengal," the Chief minister said. "I have ordered the police and they will take appropriate action. The people who insulted Netaji should apologise. The government has zero tolerance and we will not accept it," Suvendu Adhikari said. The Chief minister's reaction came a

few days after BJP Rajya Sabha MP Nagen Roy, popularly known as Ananta Maharaj, faced criticism over his remarks about Netaji during a media interaction. Subsequently, several controversial posts and altered images relating to Netaji allegedly circulated on social media. There was a complaint that two Facebook users allegedly shared morphed images and posts containing offensive remarks about Netaji. The complainant has urged the police to register a case, preserve digital evidence and initiate legal proceedings. When asked whether action would also be taken against Ananta Maharaj, Adhikari said the law applied equally to everyone.

"I don't want to name anyone and make him famous but law is equal for everyone. Police will act on the basis of the BNS."

"We have strong regards for the national leader and you have seen that our Prime Minister has set up a statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Kartavya Path. Today we have announced the setting up of Netaji Subhash Seva Kendra in each assembly constituency and the state government will provide financial aid," the chief minister said. "So, we are very serious about the issue and I have instructed the police to take legal action against the people who are trying to tar-

Ananta Maharaj stripped off 'Banga Bibhushan' award for making derogatory remarks about Netaji

MI News Service, Kolkata : The state authorities highest civilian award 'Banga Bibhushan', instituted by the previous Mamata Banerjee government, on BJP MP Nagen-dranath Roy, also known as Ananta Maharaj, has been withdrawn by the West cBengal government following his objectionable remarks about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Taking this exemplary and unprecedented action, the state government has stripped off the 'Banga Bibhushan' award from Ananta Maharaj with immediate effect.

A notification to this effect was issued by Nabanna on Thursday saying Ananta Maharaj can no longer identify himself as a 'Banga Bibhushan' awardee.



The West Bengal government had conferred the 'Banga Bibhushan' upon Ananta on February 21, this year, during Mamata Banerjee's tenure as Chief Minister. Thursday's notification stated, "This honour was bestowed upon him in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the state and its people. How-

ever, certain matters of a very serious nature subsequently came to the government's attention. Consequently, questions arose regarding whether Ananta' Maharaj's retention of the award remained consistent with the dignity of the 'Banga Bibhushan'. After considering all relevant information, it was de-

termined that Ananta Maharaj holding the 'Banga Bibhushan' is incompatible with the honour's prestige and standing. Therefore, the 'Banga Bibhushan' awarded to him has been withdrawn with immediate effect. Henceforth, Ananta Maharaj cannot identify himself as a 'Banga Bibhushan' recipient."

The government did not specify the exact reason for the action against the BJP MP in the notification. It was announced that he would no longer receive any privileges associated with the 'Banga Bibhushan' title, and authorities have been instructed to remove his name from the recipient list. A controversy recently erupted over Ananta

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Parliament adjourns sine die, ending a stormy monsoon session

MI News Service, New Delhi : The Parliament was adjourned sine die on Thursday, concluding nearly a month long stormy Monsoon Session marked by repeated disruptions, protests and heated political exchanges between the treasury and opposition benches. The session, which began on July 20 and was scheduled to run through August 13, saw only 19 sittings, with the government pushing through a string of legislative measures even as proceedings were repeatedly disrupted by Opposition protests. The biggest political flashpoint was the NEET-UG controversy, with the Congress-led Opposition repeatedly demanding a debate on alleged examination irregularities and the subsequent resignation of then Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), which emerged from a satirical campaign and evolved into a student-led protest movement, made Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation a central demand. Its agitation spilled into the streets in Delhi around Parliament, including the July 20 'Sansad Chalo' march, which coincided with the opening of the session. Inside Parliament, Opposition MPs repeatedly raised the NEET-UG issue and demanded the resignation of Education minister. The government maintained that it was ready for a detailed

debate, but insisted that the Opposition should allow the House to function without preconditions. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju repeatedly stated that a debate should proceed without attaching the minister's resignation to it. The standoff persisted despite the government's stated willingness to discuss the paper leak, with Opposition MPs demanding accountability from the Education Ministry. The Congress also called for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make a statement in Parliament and apologise to students. Like the Lok Sabha, the Rajya Sabha was also adjourned sine die on Thursday, ending the similar stormy Monsoon Session that witnessed repeated disruptions and adjournments.

The political pressure eventually culminated in Pradhan's resignation on July 25, amid the continuing protests. In his resignation letter, Pradhan said the government had acted after irregularities emerged in the May 3 NEET-UG examination, including handing the investigation to the CBI, cancelling the exam and announcing a re-examination.

Despite the disruptions, Parliament passed 10 bills through both Houses during the session, while the Lok Sabha separately passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026.

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Syama Prasad Mookerjee's contributions to be included in state education : Suvendu Adhikari

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Thursday said the state's Education Department will include in its curriculum chapters on the contributions of Syama Prasad Mookerjee from the next academic year.

The decision was taken at the first meeting of a special committee constituted to plan and implement programmes marking Syama Prasad Mookerjee's 125th birth anniversary. "The Education Department will include a dedicated section on Syama Prasad Mookerjee in the curriculum from the next academic session. His



contributions will be taught at the school and the university level," Adhikari said.

The state government will also publish a book on Mookerjee, as part of the programmes planned to mark his 125th birth anniversary, the CM said. Textbooks at school and

university levels will feature dedicated sections on Syama Prasad Mookerjee's contributions. The Chief minister also announced the installation of a 125 feet statue of Syama prasad Mookerjee at a suitable place at New Town area as a mark of respect of the unmatched contribution of the great leader and the founded of Jan Sangh on his 125th anniversary. The site for the statue has already been selected the work to install it would begin soon, he said. The initiative in this regard was finalized during the first meeting held to outline commemorative events for his 125th birth anniversary.

Map, photos of Fort William recovered from arrested 'Pak national' in Bengal



MI News Service, Kolkata : A day after the arrest of a suspected Pakistani national and his "associate" by the West Bengal STF, investigators were examining how they obtained a map and photographs of Fort

William, the Indian Army's Eastern Command headquarters here, a senior official said on Thursday. Rana Rauf Khalid alias Wahab Alam and his alleged associate Mohammad Ijaz were arrested by the West Ben-

gal Special Task Force from Habra in North 24 Parganas district late on Tuesday, while they were "trying to reach the Bangladesh border" through Jessore Road. The recovery of the Fort William material has emerged as a key line of investigation, with the STF trying to establish its source and intended use, the official said. "One of the important aspects being examined is how the map and photographs of Fort William came into the possession of the accused, and whether these were part of

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Fresh clash erupts along Assam-Arunachal border, police opens fire

MI News Service, Guwahati : A fresh clash erupted between protesters from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh in Dhemaji district on Thursday, forcing the police from the neighbouring state to fire in the air to control the mob even as the indefinite economic blockade against the Himalayan state entered its second day. The Takam Mising Porin Kebang (TMPK), the apex student organisation of Assam's Mising community, and other local groups on Wednesday launched an indefinite economic blockade against Arunachal Pradesh in protest against the alleged firing in which 12 indigenous people from Assam were injured. "When the blockade was going on, some people from Arunachal Pradesh indulged in stone pelting on protesters from Assam, and some persons sustained minor injuries. This led to a scuffle between the two sides," an official said. The incident took place at Likabali entry point in Silapathar in Dhemaji



district of Assam, he added. "Then we saw that police from Arunachal Pradesh fired three rounds in the air to control the mob on their side," the Assam government official said. At least 12 people from Assam were injured on Monday after alleged firing by miscreants from Arunachal Pradesh along the inter-state border in Dhemaji district over land encroachment is-

sues. Along with TMPK, other local social groups like Mising Mimang Kebang (MMK) and Takam Mising Mahila Kebang (TMMK) are supporting the blockade and stopped all vehicles, barring emergency and school transportation, from coming or going to Arunachal Pradesh at the entry points. The organisations are demanding an early resolution of the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border dispute, action against the "miscreants" who had fired two days ago and an end to alleged encroachment on Assam land.

As part of the agitation, protesters blocked key entry points along the inter-state border, including roads at Dwarmukh-Banderdewa, Ruksin and Silapathar in Dhemaji, Banderdewa in Lakhimpur, Solengi in Gohpur and Pabhoi in Biswanath. TMPK secretary Saan Panging said, "Such incidents along the inter-state border are not new, but our government has not taken it

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Ayurveda and Thalassaemia Awareness Take Centre Stage at Visva-Bharati Health Camp

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ayurveda and Thalassaemia awareness came together at a special health awareness camp organised at the Lipika Auditorium of Visva-Bharati University, with leading Ayurvedacharya Dr Debabrata Sen being felicitated for his contribution to promoting traditional healthcare and preventive wellness.

The programme was inaugurated by Visva-Bharati University Vice-Chancellor Dr Prabir Kumar Ghosh, who underscored the need for greater public awareness about Thalassaemia, a genetic blood disorder that requires sustained medical care and social support. He stressed the importance of awareness, timely diagnosis, regular health check-ups and responsible healthcare practices.

A special felicitation was accorded to Ayurvedacharya Dr Debabrata Sen, noted Ayurvedic physician and practitioner, in recognition of his contribution towards taking the principles of Ayurveda and preventive healthcare to a wider community. Dr Sen, a third-generation Ayurvedic physician, has been advocating a holistic approach to health rooted in traditional Indian wisdom while addressing the demands of contemporary lifestyles.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sen elaborated on the relevance of Ayurveda in modern life, emphasising the significance of appropriate nutrition, disciplined daily routines, preventive healthcare and a balanced lifestyle. He also cautioned that traditional systems of medicine must be understood properly and practised responsibly under appropriate medical guidance. He also recounted the legacy of more than a few centuries that his family has been upholding the greatness of Ayurveda and spreading its impact while integrating and adapting to modern times and making it relevant to every generation.

The programme also featured Subhojit Roy, veteran Thalassaemia advocate, Rotarian and public relations and media strategist, who addressed the gathering on the urgent need for sustained Thalassaemia awareness and prevention. Drawing on his decades-long engagement with Thalassaemia advocacy, Roy highlighted the importance of awareness, screening, counselling and informed decision-making in reducing the burden of the genet-

Another Student Dies at IIT Kharagpur Falling from Four-Storey Building



MI News Service, Kharagpur: Another case of an unusual student death has been reported at IIT Kharagpur, with a second-year Mechanical Engineering student dying after falling from the fourth floor of a campus building. According to police, the deceased student, Ankit Sharma, was a second-year Mechanical Engineering student. He reportedly fell from the fourth floor of the Nalanda Building on the IIT Kharagpur campus. Ankit, who was from Rajasthan, had enrolled at IIT Kharagpur in July last year. After the fall, he sustained critical injuries and was taken to B.C. Roy Hospital by security personnel. Doctors at the hospital declared him dead. Following the incident, police from the Hiji outpost near Kharagpur Town Police Station reached the spot and launched an investigation. Police are trying to determine whether Ankit fell accidentally or jumped from the building. Investigators are also examining why he had gone to the fourth floor of the building instead of attending his class on a day when he was scheduled to have classes. Kharagpur Additional Superintendent of Police Bushara Bano said the student had died under unusual circumstances and that the incident involving the fall from the four-storey building was being investigated. The IIT Kharagpur administration has not yet issued any official statement regarding the incident. The incident comes days after the body of Deepak Reddy Pullaguram, an Assistant Professor in the Electrical Engineering Department of IIT Kharagpur, was recovered from his campus quarters. Earlier in April this year, student Jaiveer Singh Dodia also died on the IIT Kharagpur campus. In 2025, seven cases of unusual student deaths were reported at IIT Kharagpur, raising concerns over student safety and well-being on the campus.



ic disorder. Subhojit Roy emphasised that Thalassaemia prevention cannot remain confined to medical institutions and requires a sustained social movement involving educational institutions, families, healthcare professionals, civil society organisations and the wider community. He also stressed the importance of pre-marital and

carrier screening and greater public understanding of the genetic nature of the disorder.

The presence of Vice-Chancellor Dr Prabir Kumar Ghosh, along with Dr Debabrata Sen and Subhojit Roy, brought together three complementary dimensions of public health — institutional leadership, preventive traditional healthcare and community-based

disease advocacy. The second session, centred on Ayurveda, drew particular attention to the need to reconnect everyday health practices with preventive wisdom. Dr Sen explained how conscious food choices, appropriate routines and a balanced lifestyle can contribute to long-term wellbeing, while reiterating that Ayurveda should complement responsible healthcare rather than replace necessary medical treatment. The camp sought to communicate simple and practical health messages to the participants, combining awareness about a major inherited blood disorder with the preventive principles of Ayurveda. The programme concluded with a broader message that healthcare awareness must move beyond treatment alone and embrace prevention, early intervention, informed choices and sustained community participation.



West Bengal Transport and Labour Minister Arjun Singh on Thursday felicitated two talented young throwball players, Agneyaee Biswas and Pamela Kundu, for their significant contribution to Team India's gold-medal victory at the 2nd South Asian Throwball Championship 2026.

Gold slowdown casts shadow over Bengal's conch-shell bangle industry ahead of Durga Puja

MI News Service, Karimpur: With Durga Puja barely two months away, the traditional conch-shell bangle industry in Murutia's Balaadanga and Shankhanagar villages is facing an unusually subdued season, with traders reporting weak orders and artisans seeing a sharp decline in work.

The slowdown in the gold jewellery market is emerging as a key factor. The two businesses are closely linked, particularly in the premium segment where conch-shell bangles are often embellished with gold. As demand for gold jewellery weakens, traders say consumers are also cutting back on higher-priced bangles.

Around 100 traders and nearly 800 artisans in the two villages are directly engaged in cutting conch shells and making bangles. Including ancillary and dependent households, nearly 1,000 families are estimated to rely directly or indirectly on the trade for their livelihood.

The products made here have markets across West Bengal and are also supplied to Assam and Tripura. Kolkata, Hooghly, Malda and several parts of north Bengal are among the major destinations. The months leading up to Durga Puja and Dhanteras are traditionally the busiest period, prompting artisans to work extended hours from July-August to build inventories and meet seasonal orders.

This year, however, the expected surge has failed to



materialise. "Sales of gold have fallen by more than half this year, and the impact is visible in the conch-shell bangle market as well," said local trader Arup Pal. According to traders, bangles priced at ₹200-400 continue to see some demand, but the market for products priced between ₹600 and ₹1,000 remains weak.

The shift towards cheaper products is creating a margin squeeze for manufacturers. Labour costs and raw-material expenses remain, while traders are finding it difficult to recover these costs from lower-priced products.

Artisan Banishibadan Pal said the industry had previously faced severe disruptions during the 2016 demonetisation and the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. Business subsequently recovered, helped partly by changes in gold prices, but the current slowdown has again left both traders and artisans uncertain.

The industry is also grappling with higher raw-material costs. Trader Shyam Das

Bairagya said conch shells were earlier sourced directly from Sri Lanka as well as Chennai, allowing manufacturers to obtain good-quality raw material at relatively lower prices. At present, most supplies are being sourced from Chennai, increasing procurement costs.

Artisan Prosenjit Ghosh said the geographical spread of the market makes the Puja season particularly important for local households dependent on the industry. A weak seasonal cycle, therefore, could have a wider impact than simply lower sales for individual traders.

For the industry, the immediate challenge is a combination of softer demand, rising input costs and uncertainty over production. With the crucial festive selling season approaching, traders in Balaadanga and Shankhanagar are now hoping that demand will revive before Puja. Otherwise, a traditional cottage industry supporting hundreds of artisan households could face another difficult season.

Burima Puja organiser arrested over extortion, threat and financial irregularity allegations

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: A key organiser of Krishnanagar's iconic Burima Jagaddhatri Puja, Gautam Ghosh alias "Gote", has been arrested by Kotwali police following a written complaint alleging extortion, assault, threats to life and misappropriation of jewellery and funds associated with the puja.

The complaint was lodged by local resident Raju Rakshit, who has alleged that Ghosh had been using his political influence and proximity to people in the erstwhile ruling establishment to establish a stronghold in Krishnanagar and adjoining areas. The allegations include collecting money by promising residents assistance in securing houses and allegedly forcing people to pay extortion.

Rakshit has also levelled serious allegations concerning the management of Burima Puja's jewellery and finances. He has claimed that irregularities and alleged misappropriation of valu-



ables and funds belonging to the puja took place, and that Ghosh's name figured in the alleged financial wrongdoing. The claims, however, are yet to be established and are part of the ongoing police investigation.

According to the complainant, he and his associates were allegedly threatened with dire consequences after opposing Ghosh's activities. Rakshit has further alleged that pressure was exerted on them through local criminal elements to withdraw the complaint and the related case.

The allegations have trig-

gered considerable concern in Nadia, given the cultural and religious significance of Burima Puja in Krishnanagar. The annual Jagaddhatri Puja is deeply associated with the city's heritage, and the allegations against a person involved in its organisation have raised questions about the management of its assets and finances.

Police have begun an investigation based on the complaint and are expected to verify the allegations, including the claims relating to financial transactions, jewellery and alleged threats. The police are also examining the circumstances leading to Ghosh's arrest.

Ghosh, however, has denied the allegations. While being taken away in a police vehicle, he reportedly said that he did not know under which allegation he had been arrested.

The allegations against Ghosh remain unproven unless established through investigation and subsequent legal proceedings.

Calcutta Anglo Gujarati School Students Take Out Tiranga Rally, Spread 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Message

MI News Service, Kolkata: Students and staff of The Calcutta Anglo Gujarati School enthusiastically participated in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign being observed from August 9 to 17, 2026, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to citizens. As part of the campaign, students and teachers carried the Tricolour and took out a rally through Kolkata's busy commercial area, spreading the message of respect for the national flag and patriotism.

The rally was conducted under the guidance of Joint Secretary Chandresh Meghani and Parimal Ajmera, while Central Committee member Paresh Daftari extended his wholehearted support to the initiative. School Principal Jimmy Saini, Heads of Departments Joydeep



Mukherjee, Bhaswati Chowdhury, Anita Roy, Sonal Jagani, Preeti Paul and Rohini Gupta, along with other teachers and staff, participated in the rally.

Dr Satrajit Goswami, Principal of C.A.G. College, and Chandrashekhar Yadav, CEO of Praxia Skills and Objectives, also joined the rally.

The initiative aimed to strengthen patriotic feelings among students, foster respect for the nation and convey the message of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' to the public. The sight of students marching with the Tricolour generated enthusiasm among pedestrians and local residents, with several people

expressing their support for the campaign.

The school's Trustee and Joint Secretary Chandresh Meghani played a key role in making the event a success. The rally conveyed a message of national unity and respect for the Tricolour ahead of Independence Day

Police Launch Overnight Crackdown on Drugs; Several Suspects Detained

MI News Service, Kharagpur: Police in Kharagpur, West Medinipur district, launched an extensive overnight operation against the illegal trade and use of drugs and other narcotic substances, triggering concern in several areas. During the operation, police detained several suspected individuals and began questioning them. According to sources, police teams began the operation late at night across various parts of Kharagpur. Surveillance was intensified at locations where suspicious activities had reportedly been noticed, while checks and questioning were conducted at several places. Suspected individuals were stopped and questioned about their identities and activities. Police Step Up Action Against Drugs. The police operation is being viewed as a significant move to curb the illegal drug trade in the area. Police suspect that drug-related buying, selling and consumption activities may be taking place in certain parts of Kharagpur.



The special nighttime operation was conducted in view of these concerns. Several suspects were detained during the operation. Police are questioning them and gathering information about their contacts and activities. Investigators are also trying to determine whether a larger drug network is operating behind these activities.

Overnight Investigation Across Several Areas.

Different police teams reportedly conducted surveillance and checks in multiple parts of Kharagpur throughout the night. Special attention was given to people mov-

ing around suspiciously at night and activities allegedly linked to narcotics. The police action has also generated discussion among local residents. Many residents said that such operations need to be conducted regularly to protect young people from drug addiction. They welcomed the police initiative and urged the authorities to take stricter action against the illegal drug trade. Suspects Questioned About Possible Drug Network. Through questioning the detained suspects, police are attempting to gather information about drug supplies, purchases, sales and possible

distribution networks. Investigators are also examining whether the detained individuals are connected with one another or linked to any organised gang. However, police have not yet officially clarified the exact number of people detained or whether any quantity of narcotic substances was recovered during the operation. Clear information is expected to emerge after the official investigation and questioning are completed. Further Action Expected. The police crackdown is being considered an important step towards tightening the noose around illegal narcotic activities in Kharagpur. As the investigation progresses, more names may emerge and further action cannot be ruled out. At present, police are continuing to question the detained suspects and investigate the matter. The operation against illegal drug-related activities is also likely to continue in the coming days to effectively curb the spread of narcotics in the area.

Court orders probe into alleged illegal soil excavation involving Abhishek Banerjee

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: A Krishnanagar court has directed police to investigate allegations of illegal excavation and sale of soil from government and vested land in parts of Nadia and Murshidabad, in a case naming Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee and 29 others.

The order was passed by Judge Tarun Mondal after a complaint was filed by Kaliganj resident Bapan Ghosh on July 15. The complainant has alleged that large-scale excavation of government land and felling of trees had been taking place since 2016 in areas under Kaliganj in Nadia and Shaktipur in Murshidabad.

According to the complaint, around 33,000 bighas of government and vested land were allegedly affected by illegal soil excavation and tree felling. The complainant has



further alleged that the extracted soil and timber were sold commercially, causing substantial loss to the state exchequer and damage to the environment.

Abhishek Banerjee has been named among the 30 accused in the complaint. The list also includes sitting Kaliganj TMC MLA Alifa Ahmed and former TMC MLA Hasnuzzaman Sheikh.

Advocate Shirshendu Das,

representing the complainant, alleged that repeated complaints had been submitted to the police, forest department and local administration but no effective action was taken. The complainant has also alleged that he was threatened after raising objections to the alleged activities.

The court, after considering the complaint and documents placed before it, directed the police to conduct an investiga-

tion into the allegations. The probe is expected to examine the nature and extent of the government land involved, the alleged excavation and tree felling, and the role, if any, of those named in the complaint.

The allegations, however, are yet to be established through investigation or judicial proceedings.

Ghosh said he had been campaigning for recovery of government land and protection of the environment for a long time and welcomed the court's decision to order a probe.

Alifa Ahmed, meanwhile, termed the case politically motivated and alleged that it was aimed at damaging the image of the TMC. The development has triggered a fresh political confrontation in Nadia, with the investigation now likely to determine whether the allegations have substantive evidence behind them.

Kalyani University journalism workshop stresses accuracy, ethics and neutrality

MI News Service, Kalyani: Accuracy, professional integrity and editorial neutrality must remain the cornerstone of journalism, Kalyani University Vice-Chancellor Prof Kallol Paul said while inaugurating a 10-day journalism workshop organised by the university's Bengali department.

The workshop, being conducted under the department's Journalism Certificate Course, began on Wednesday and will continue till August 22. Addressing students and researchers at the inaugural session, Paul said journalists must give primacy to verified information and ensure that news reaches readers accurately and responsibly.

"In the present situation, journalists must be honest and impartial. Information should be given priority while reporting. At the same time, journalists must ensure that news is conveyed to readers appropriately," Paul said.



Akashvani Kolkata assistant director Shubhayan Bala, who attended the programme, described journalism as both an attractive career option and an important social responsibility. He said greater participation of young people in journalism could benefit society and provide the youth with an opportunity to contribute to nation-building and development.

Bhaskar Let, associate editor of Sangbad Pratidin's Sunday supplement 'Robbar', said the new generation of journalists would be expect-

ed to further strengthen the space created for independent journalism. He also underlined the importance of literature in journalism, saying regular reading could help journalists develop greater command over language—an essential skill for effective news writing.

The university said several students who have completed its journalism course are already working with print and electronic media organisations. The certificate course, officials said, seeks to combine academic learning with practical and vocational training to

prepare students for careers in journalism.

Course director Prof Sukhen Biswas said the National Education Policy had placed emphasis on vocational training alongside conventional academic education. "Our objective is to enhance the professional skills of students through training so that they can establish themselves in journalism in the future," he said.

Head of the Bengali department Prof Sabitri Nanda Chakraborty said the course could open up new employment opportunities for students alongside their conventional education.

Around 200 students and research scholars attended the inaugural programme. Prof Nandini Bandyopadhyay, Dr Shyamashree Biswas Sengupta, Dr Piyush Poddar and Dr Seema Sarkar, among others, were present. The programme was conducted by Dr Shyamashree Biswas Sengupta.

Nirmal Ghosh Arrested in RG Kar Case

MI News Service, Kolkata: Former Panihati Trinamool Congress MLA Nirmal Ghosh has been arrested in connection with the RG Kar case, marking the first arrest after the investigation into the alleged evidence tampering surrounding the death of the junior doctor was reopened. Ghosh was arrested from Odisha on Thursday morning over allegations that the victim's body was cremated hastily and without the signatures of her family members. He is accused of being involved in the alleged destruction of evidence following the incident at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. The arrest came days after Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari directed an investigation into the circumstances sur-

rounding the cremation. He had alleged that the victim's body was cremated in haste and that the family had neither been charged for the cremation nor asked to sign the relevant documents. The victim's father had recently lodged a complaint at Khardah police station naming Ghosh, Ward 17 councillor Somnath Dey and former councillor Sanjib Mukhopadhyay. Police subsequently initiated action in the case. Ghosh is expected to be brought back to West Bengal either on Thursday night or Friday morning, officials said. The former MLA had also been named in connection with the lottery case. His son, Tirthankar Ghosh, was arrested on July 13 in connection with allegations including extortion.

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Maharaj's comments regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He claimed that Netaji played no role in India's independence and even alleged that Netaji had misused the Azad Hind Fauj and its funds. These remarks further fueled the controversy. On Wednesday, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari held a press conference at Nabanna, stating that no one would be spared for making derogatory remarks about Netaji and that the police would take action regardless of political affiliation. Instructions were issued to the cyber cell accordingly, and the process of identifying social media posts that disrespected Netaji has begun. Following the Chief Minister's announcement, police arrested a young man in North Dinajpur on Thursday on charges of making objectionable posts about Netaji. Suwendu Adhikari also stated that the state government is adopting a 'zero-tolerance' policy regarding the disrespect to Netaji and the law applies equally to everyone. The very next day, Ananta Maharaj was stripped off the 'Banga Bibhushan' award. Commenting on this, senior Minister Agnimitra Paul said, "If Ananta Maharaj thinks he can win the hearts of the people of Bengal by insulting Netaji, he is absolutely wrong. An insult to Netaji is an insult to Bengalis. We will not tolerate it, nor will we allow any politics to be played over this issue."

Map, photos of Fort William recovered from arrested

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any information-gathering activity," the STF official said. The agency is also examining the digital trail of the accused. Mobile phones recovered from them allegedly contained social media chats and telephone numbers linked to Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Investigators have found indications that some of the chats and phone numbers were deleted, he said. "The deleted chats and numbers are being examined carefully. We are trying to establish the contacts, the nature of communication and whether any information was shared through these channels," the official said. The alleged deletion of digital material has assumed significance, with the probe looking into whether the accused were operating as part of a wider network, and whether information related to Indian military installations and movements was being transmitted outside the country, he said. Investigators suspect that Rauf has links with Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI and are examining his activities, contacts and movements in India, he said. The STF sleuths were also examining alleged collection of information concerning military movements and infrastructure near the Petrapole and Ghojadanga border areas, the official said. The special task force is also looking into the possibility of a larger operation ahead of Independence Day on August 15, though officials said the probe is at an early stage and no definitive conclusion has been reached. "Military intelligence agencies have been contacted in connection with the investigation," the senior official said. The arrests have also brought under scrutiny the security of the international border and the network involved in creating fake Indian identity documents, officials said. Following his arrest, Rauf was taken to Habra hospital for a medical examination on Wednesday night, they said. Later, when produced before the Barasat court, both the arrested accused were remanded to 14-day police custody.

Fresh clash erupts along Assam-Arunachal border

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seriously. This time, our agitation will continue till all the culprits are arrested and handed over to Assam Police." To hammer out a solution in respect to withdrawing of the economic blockade, Assam Border Protection and Development Minister Atul Bora and Education Minister Ranaj Pegu held a meeting with TMPK leadership at the Circuit House of Dhemaji. On Wednesday, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said his Arunachal Pradesh counterpart Pema Khandu "must" order an inquiry into the incident and ensure that those responsible are punished. Pegu, who was deputed by Sarma to monitor the situation along border, said Khandu has promised to ensure strict action against those responsible for firing along the inter-state border. On August 10, the firing incident took place at Mingmang Basti along the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border in Gogamukh revenue circle of Gerukamukh Police Station. Police said the clash erupted following a dispute over alleged encroachment by people from Arunachal Pradesh on land in Assam. Assam and Arunachal Pradesh share an 804.1-km border in Udalguri, Sonitpur, Bishwanath, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh and Charaideo districts, and 12 of the adjoining states. There are 1,200 points of dispute along the inter-state border between the two states. The Assam government on July 29 told the state Assembly that Arunachal Pradesh has encroached upon 16,144.01 hectares of land. Out of this encroached land, Arunachal Pradesh is claiming 858.91 sq km. Both the states have constituted 12 regional committees for resolving the border disputes, and are taking steps to resolve these issues based on recommendations of these committees, which have jointly toured the areas and held consultations with stakeholders. A Namsai Declaration was signed by the Chief ministers of both the states on July 15, 2022, setting in motion measures to resolve differences in 123 villages of Assam claimed by Arunachal Pradesh. An MoU in this regard was later signed by the two CMs in the presence of the Union Home minister in the national capital on April 20, 2023. Out of the 123 villages claimed by Arunachal Pradesh, the differences in 71 villages have been resolved and the process is on to address the issues in the remaining 52 villages. Arunachal Pradesh was a centrally administered region initially after Independence and became a Union Territory later, before attaining full statehood in 1987. After Arunachal Pradesh achieved statehood, a tripartite committee was appointed, which recommended that certain territories be transferred from Assam to Arunachal Pradesh. Assam contested this, and the matter is still in the Supreme Court.



Kolkata Police personnel perform during the final dress rehearsal for the 80th Independence Day celebrations at Red Road in Kolkata on Thursday.

Uber expands to 100 more cities, adds seven in West Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Uber on Thursday announced a major expansion in India, extending its services to 100 additional cities and taking its presence to more than 225 cities nationwide. In West Bengal, Uber will launch Uber Bike services in seven more cities, offering an affordable option for daily travel as well as first- and last-mile connectivity. The move will expand its reach beyond the state's major urban centres. As part of its Independence Day expansion, Uber is also offering first-time users across India a free first ride for a limited period. The initiative aims to introduce more people to app-based mobility and its convenience, transparency and safety features.

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari welcomed the expansion, saying improved connectivity in smaller cities can create economic and livelihood opportunities. He also urged states to adopt the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines 2025 and support bike taxis and safer mobility solutions.

Kolkata Police to Set Up DCRBs for Better Data Monitoring

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Police is set to establish Divisional Crime Record Bureaus (DCRBs) across all its divisions to bring greater transparency and accuracy to crime-related data and improve monitoring of digital criminal justice systems. Police Commissioner issued a directive on Tuesday announcing the creation of DCRBs in each of the city's 10 police divisions. The new units will primarily monitor crime data and digital platforms operating under the Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS). Each DCRB will function under the respective Deputy Commissioner of Police (DC) and initially comprise eight personnel. A sub-inspector will serve as the Officer-in-Charge, assisted by three Assistant Sub-Inspectors and four constables. The force may be expanded later depending on operational requirements. The structure of the DCRBs has been modelled on the State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB) and the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The new units will monitor several digital platforms used by police stations, including Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS), e-Sakshya, e-Sumons, MedLIPR, e-Forensics and Nyaya Shrutu. Police stations will be required to regularly update crime-related information and forward the data to their respective DCRBs.

The DCRBs will examine the quality, completeness and status of the data received from police stations. Any discrepancies or problems will be reported to the Kolkata Police Crime Records Section. The units will also coordinate with the State Crime Records Bureau on matters relating to crime data. The DCRBs will maintain digital communication with courts, public prosecutors, forensic laboratories, hospitals, correctional facilities and other relevant government departments.

J P Nadda to Visit Kolkata for Ayushman Bharat Mega Event

MI News Service, Kolkata: Union Health Minister J P Nadda is scheduled to visit Kolkata on Sunday as West Bengal prepares to host a mega Ayushman Bharat programme at the Netaji Indoor Stadium on August 16 and 17. Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari is also expected to attend the event.

August 16 will be observed as Ayushman Day in the state, marking the beginning of service delivery to beneficiaries under the scheme. The state government will organise a programme at the Netaji Indoor Stadium to formally launch the process. Nadda has been invited to attend the event and is expected to be present following the

state government's invitation. The Union Health Minister is also likely to participate in a BJP training programme in Kolkata on August 16. The programme is being organised ahead of a series of district-level training camps scheduled to be held across West Bengal from August 22 to 30.

According to BJP sources, the August 16 training session will be attended by party leaders and speakers who will subsequently participate in the district-level programmes. BJP national joint general secretary (organisation) Shiv Prakash and state in-charge Sunil Bansal are expected to attend the session. Nadda is also likely to be



present. Party sources said no other major organisational programme has been scheduled for Nadda during his Kolkata visit.

The Union Health Minister's visit comes ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's proposed visit to Kolkata later this month.

planned in that context. The two senior central leaders' visits within a short span are expected to provide a boost to the party's organisational activities in the state. The Ayushman Bharat programme is also expected to remain a key focus during Nadda's visit, with the state government preparing to begin service delivery to beneficiaries from August 16. The upcoming programmes are likely to bring together senior state and central leaders and party functionaries as the government marks the completion of its first 100 days and expands the implementation of central welfare initiatives in West Bengal.

Pvt Hosps Must Display Complaint Details at Entrance: Health Regulator

MI News Service, Kolkata: Private hospitals and nursing homes in West Bengal will now be required to prominently display details of where patients and their families can lodge complaints over excessive billing or alleged medical negligence. The West Bengal Health Regulatory Commission has issued a strict directive aimed at making the grievance redressal mechanism more accessible to the public. According to the directive, every private hospital and nursing home must put up an orange-coloured banner

or poster at a prominent location near the entrance. The information must be displayed in both Bengali and English so that patients and visitors can easily understand where and how complaints can be filed. The commission has instructed healthcare establishments to install the banners promptly after receiving the order and submit photographic proof of compliance to the regulatory body.

Commission chairman and former judge Biswajit Basu said increasing public awareness about the com-

mission's role would be one of its priorities. He said the objective was to ensure that people knew there was a designated platform where complaints against private hospitals and nursing homes could be raised. The decision has been welcomed by the Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes, which represents small and medium-sized healthcare establishments in the state. However, the association has also called for stronger security measures for doctors and healthcare workers at medical facilities.

27 Illegal Buildings Identified, Builders Face Action After Taratala Incident

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department has identified 27 allegedly illegal buildings following an audit of under-construction projects in Kolkata and neighbouring municipal areas. The findings were announced at the IGLUS building in Salt Lake on Thursday. The audit was ordered after the Taratala building incident, following which construction work at several projects was temporarily stopped for inspection. Municipal Minister Agnimitra Paul, Minister of State Umesh Rai, Principal Secretary Khalil Ahmed, developers and representatives of construction companies attended the programme. Ahmed said the builders and engineers associated with the 27 buildings had been called and would be questioned publicly about the alleged violations. Officials who sanctioned the plans, as well as banks that provided loans for the

projects, have also been asked to appear.

He said illegal construction would not be tolerated and that the government wanted to establish accountability for violations that could affect homebuyers and the public. Paul said the builders involved would be black-listed and warned that they would face legal action. She also questioned the role of municipal engineers in approving construction plans and demanded accountability from officials responsible for granting sanctions. The minister alleged that irregularities in approving building plans had occurred under the previous administration and said such practices would not be allowed under the present government. Paul further warned that steps would be taken to prevent the 27 builders from selling flats in the affected projects. She urged prospective homebuyers to exercise caution before purchasing properties from the developers under scrutiny.

CBI Steps Up Anti-Bribery Drive at Govt Offices

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has stepped up its efforts to prevent bribery by central government officials in West Bengal, with a renewed focus on public outreach and encouraging citizens to report corruption. The anti-corruption agency has begun putting up banners at central government offices, including Nizam Palace in Kolkata, carrying contact details through which people can report demands for bribes. The CBI has also assured complainants that their identities will be kept confidential. According to the notice issued by the agency, citizens can approach the CBI if officials of central government institutions such as banks, post offices, railways, the Income Tax Department or other government organisations demand bribes. The notice



urges people to report such demands promptly to the CBI's Anti-Corruption Branch in Kolkata.

The agency has provided two contact numbers for lodging complaints: 033-2289-4403 and 9051613456. Complaints regarding alleged bribery by central government officials can be made directly through these numbers. The move comes against the backdrop of the state government's restoration of the general consent granted to the CBI. The West Bengal government had earlier withdrawn the consent during the previous Trinamool Congress regime following the CBI's move to

question then Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar in connection with the Saradha chit fund case. The withdrawal meant that the CBI faced restrictions while investigating cases involving central government officials in the state. After the BJP-led government came to power in the state, the general consent was restored, allowing the CBI to resume investigations into corruption allegations involving central government employees. The latest initiative is aimed at strengthening direct communication between the investigating agency and the public. The CBI has particularly sought to encourage people who are asked to pay money for getting official work completed or who face alleged extortion by government officials to come forward with complaints.

Netaji Statue's Hand Damaged in New Alipore, BJP Demands Probe

MI News Service, Kolkata: A statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was allegedly vandalised in New Alipore's Ward 81 in south Kolkata, triggering tension in the area on Thursday. The incident was reported from Bottola Three-Headed Crossing, where the right hand of the statue was found damaged. According to local residents, the statue was intact until Wednesday night. On Thursday morning, they noticed that nearly half of the right hand had been broken. The incident soon drew the attention of local residents and BJP workers, who reached the spot after receiving the information. BJP workers alleged that miscreants may have damaged the statue under the cover of darkness. They said a complaint would be lodged with the police, seeking identification and arrest of those responsible. The matter is also being brought to the attention of the BJP's state leadership. Tarak Bandyopadhyay, BJP South Kolkata secretary, said the incident was significant in view of Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari's recent warning against making derogatory remarks about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He said the administration had warned that legal action would be taken against anyone making objectionable comments about the freedom fighter. Bandyopadhyay also referred to the announcement regarding the renaming of service centres across all 294 Assembly constituencies as 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Seva Kendra'.

Nurse Found Dead Inside Toilet at Hosp, Probe Underway



MI News Service, Kolkata: A 30-year-old nurse was found dead inside a locked staff toilet at NRS Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on Wednesday night, sparking questions over the circumstances surrounding her death. The nurse was on night duty at the Gynaecology Department's High Dependency Unit (HDU) when the incident occurred. According to preliminary information, the nurse joined duty at around 8 pm on Wednesday. She reportedly went to the staff washroom between 10.20 pm and 10.27 pm but did not return for a considerable period. When colleagues noticed that the toilet door remained locked, they called out to her several times. Receiving no response from inside, they alerted the police.

Health Minister Sharadwat Mukherjee visited the hospital on Thursday morning and held discussions with the head of the forensic medicine department at Kolkata Medical College. The minister said the family would receive all necessary assistance. He also ruled out speculation about the cause of death, saying the circumstances would become clear only after the post-mortem and investigation reports. An internal inquiry

committee has also been formed by NRS Hospital and the state Health Department. The committee includes senior officials from the hospital, including the head of the forensic department, Medical Superintendent-cum-Vice Principal, nursing superintendent and representatives from the cleaning department and other relevant sections. The committee has been asked to submit its report within seven days. Police and hospital authorities are continuing their investigations to establish how and why the nurse died inside the locked toilet. As per report, Police personnel reached the hospital and initially tried to communicate with the nurse. When there was still no response, the door was broken open and the nurse was found unconscious inside. She was subsequently declared dead. Her body was recovered and sent for post-mortem examination. Hospital sources said doctors suspect that fentanyl may have been injected into a vein near the nurse's elbow. Police are examining how the drug was accessed and the circumstances in which the nurse entered the washroom with the vials. Investigators are also expected to examine hospital records and CCTV footage as part of the probe.

However, the exact cause and circumstances of her death remain unclear. Entally police have started an investigation. Officers are examining the circumstances leading up to the incident and are speaking to the nurse's family members and colleagues.

Parliament adjourns sine die, ending a stormy

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The legislation passed by both Houses included the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, which was introduced amid the NEET-UG controversy and was discussed for more than 17 hours across the two Houses. Parliament also passed the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026, the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026, the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, and the National Co-operative Development.

NAME/SURNAME DECLARATION

I, Himanshu Paira, S/o Late Shyamal Kanti Paira, R/o Vill. & P.O. Borai, P.S. Mohanpur, Dist. Paschim Medinipur, PIN-721457, West Bengal, declare that my name and surname have been wrongly recorded in my Madhyamik Admit Card and Pass Certificate as "Himanshu Paira, S/o Sri Shyamal Kanti Paria" instead of my correct name "Himanshu Paira, S/o Sri Shyamal Kanti Paira." As per Affidavit No. 4530 dated 25.07.2024, sworn before the Judicial Magistrate (1st Class), Dantan, Paschim Medinipur, Himanshu Paira and Himangshu Paria are one and the same person.

NAME/SURNAME DECLARATION

I, Alpina Paira, W/o Himanshu Paira, residing at Vill. & P.O. Borai, P.S. Mohanpur, Dist. Paschim Medinipur, PIN-721457, West Bengal, do hereby declare that my correct name and surname is ALPANA PAIRA. My father's name has been wrongly recorded as "PARIA" in the spouse column of my husband Himanshu Paira's Passport No. 92201423. My correct surname "PAIRA" is recorded in my Aadhar Card No. 9445 6303 5430 and Voter ID Card No. WC122497. Alpina Paira W/o Himanshu Paira and Alpina Paria W/o Himanshu Paria are one and the same person, i.e. myself.

Name Change

I, Sainaz Bibi (Old Name) D/o Sk Intaj Ali W/o Sk Islam Residing at Vill - Kagi-para Gangeshnagar, Po - Sahabazar, Ps - Dhanialkhat, District - Hooghly, Pin - 721402, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sainaz Bibi (Old Name) to Sahana Begam (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sahana Begam (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 13-08-2026. Sahana Begam (New Name) and Sainaz Bibi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sukdev Halder (old name), S/o. Son-tosh Halder, R/o. Rabindranagar, Paschimpara, Rabindranagar, Chinsurah, Hooghly-721203, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sukdev Halder to Sukdev Halder (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sukdev Halder in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 18373 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 29/07/2026. I, Sukdev Halder & Sukdev Halder S/o, Sontosh Halder, all are the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, KUSHI MOHAN SARKAR, son of Late Kunjal Sarkar (66), residing at Saguna Green Belt Colony, P.O. Saguna, P.S. Kalyani, Dist. Nadia, W.B., do hereby declare that, as per Affidavit No. 16, sworn before the Court of ACJ-II (1st Class), Kalyani, Nadia, on 09.04.2026, KUSHI MOHAN SARKAR, KUSHI MOHAN and KUSHI MOHAN SARKER are one and the same person, i.e. myself. My Passport No. K0500230 dated 29.05.2012 records my name as KUSHI MOHAN SARKAR, father's name as KUNJAL SARKER and mother's name as JAMUNA SARKER. I further declare that KUNJAL SARKAR, KUNJAL SARKER and JAMUNA SARKAR/JAMUNA SARKER are one and the same person respectively. All concerned are hereby informed accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, Rameshwari Devi legal mother of Om Prakash Singh resident at SV 280/4, Air Force Station Kalaikunda, P.S. Kharagpur(L), Dist. Paschim Medinipur, W.B. have changed my name from Rameshwari Devi to Rameshwari vide affidavit No. 2034, dated 05/08/2026, and my date of birth is 18/05/1965, before Notary at Midnapore Court.

NAME CHANGE

I, Ramswaroop Singh father of Lakshman Singh resident at SV 280/4, Air Force Station Kalaikunda, P.S. Kharagpur(L), Dist. Paschim Medinipur, W.B. have changed my name from Ramswaroop Singh to Ram Swaroop Singh vide affidavit No. 2032, dated 05/08/2026, and my date of birth is 10/02/1963, before Notary at Midnapore Court.

Name Change

I, Nisha Roy, daughter of Krishna Yadav, wife of Dilip Lal Roy, residing at 62/1B, Hazra Road, P.O. Baglungu, P.S. Garhat, Dist. Kolkata-700019, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name from Guriya Yadav to Nisha Roy and Nisha Roy and Guriya Yadav is the same and one identical person via affidavit sworn before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore dated 17th June 2026.

NAME CHANGE

I, RAFIQUEL GAZI, S/o- MANIK GAZI, R/o: Uttar Kodalia, P.O.- Dakshin Bagundi, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs., do hereby declare that my actual name is RAFIQUEL GAZI, S/o- MANIK GAZI which is recorded in my Voter Card (CW297848) and in my PAN Card (BMPGGS488R) my name is recorded as RAFIQUEL MANIK GAZI, S/o- MANIK GAZI. On 11-08-26 vide affidavit no. 19422 submitted before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, I affirm that myself RAFIQUEL GAZI and RAFIQUEL MANIK GAZI, S/o- MANIK GAZI is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sekh Zarin Tasnim, D/o- Mohammad Samim SK, R/o- Vill. & P.O.-Kolara, P.S. Domjuri, Dist.- Howrah, my name was erroneously recorded as "SK Jarin Tasnim, D/o Mohammad Samim SK" instead of "Sekh Zarin Tasnim, D/o Mohammad Samim SK" in DBI Bank, Domjuri Branch (Account No. 1013104000083793), vide an affidavit sworn before the First Class Judicial Magistrate, Howrah Court, on 18/08/2026, I have declared that my actual name is Sekh Zarin Tasnim, D/o Mohammad Samim SK, and that the names Sekh Zarin Tasnim (D/o Sekh Mohammad Samim SK), and Sk Jarin Tasnim (D/o Mohammad Samim SK) refer to one and the same person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Priyanka Kumari, W/o: Md. Munna, R/o- 22/1/H/18, Khagendra Chatterjee Road, VTC, Cossipore, P.O.: Cossipore, District: Kolkata, West Bengal- 700002 shall be known as Nikhat Khatoon, changed vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court, (Affidavit No: 19972) Dated: 03.08.2026. Therefore, Priyanka Kumari & Nikhat Khatoon is the same & identical person.

Name Change

I, Vishal Kr Jayswal (Old Name), Son Of Raj Kumar Jaiswal, Resident Of 123, Utcoll Moni Gopobandhu Sarani, Barabazar, PS.- Posta, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Vishal Kr Jayswal (Old Name) To Vishal Jaiswal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Vishal Jaiswal (New Name) In All Purpose Vide Affidavit No 35 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/08/2026. Vishal Jaiswal (New Name) And Vishal Kr Jayswal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Somnath Mukherjee, Resident of 42/B, James Long Sarani, 2nd Floor, Behala, Kolkata- 700034, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my father's name from Nirmal Mukherjee (Old Name) to Nirmal Kumar Mukherjee (new name) and henceforth he/she shall be known as Nirmal Kumar Mukherjee (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 19/06/2026. Nirmal Kumar Mukherjee (new name) and Nirmal Mukherjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, HAMAYOUN KABIR (old name), S/O MD. MUSLIM, residing at 120 DR. LAL MOHAN BHATTACHARJEE ROAD, PO.- ENTALLY, KOLKATA - 700014, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from HAMAYOUN KABIR (Old Name) to HUMAYUN KABIR (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as HUMAYUN KABIR (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2026. HUMAYUN KABIR (new name) and HAMAYOUN KABIR (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Muslim S/O Mohammed Kasim, Resident Of 19 Shamsul Huda Road Ps- Karaya Kolkata-700017, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I have Recorded As Md Muslim In My Son's & Daughter's Birth Cert., Qualification Cert, Aadhaar, Pan, Voter & Ration Card. Shall Be Known As Mohammed Muslim In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit-21817, Sworn Before The Ld 1st Judicial Magistrate At Allipore On 07/08/2026. Mohammed Muslim And Md Muslim Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Monirul Islam (Old Name), Son Of Basir Ahmed, Resident Of Humapur Near Old Masjid, Po-Abdulpur, Ps-Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700155, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Monirul Islam (Old Name) To Manirul Islam (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Manirul Islam (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide An Affidavit. Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/08/2026. Manirul Islam (New Name) And Monirul Islam (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shaikh Samsul Haque, Shaikh Samsul Haque (Old Name) S/o Sk Ali Ahmed Residing at Chandra Nagar Khan Para Po - Chandannagar, Ps. Maheshala, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700139, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shaikh Samsul Haque, Shaikh Samsul Haque (Old Name) to Sk Samsul Haque (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Samsul Haque (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 13-08-2026. Sk Samsul Haque (New Name) and Shaikh Samsul Haque, Shaikh Samsul Haque (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Gilbert Edoho (Old Name), Son Of Sunday Edoho, Resident Of 102, Ashutosh Colony, Hattuu, Kolkata - 700078, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gilbert Edoho (Old Name) To Gilbert Abasiubong Edoho (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Gilbert Abasiubong Edoho (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 33 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Gilbert Abasiubong Edoho (New Name) And Gilbert Edoho (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Srabani Chatterjee (new name) and Srabani Chattopadhyay (old Name) D/o of Dhruva Chatterjee (new Name) and Dhruva Padma Chattopadhyay (old Name) residing at 9, Nalbari Bag, Jadavpur, Kolkata-700032, P.S.- Jadavpur, WestBengal, India, have change my name and shall henceforth be known as SrabaniChatterjee (new name) as declared before 1 class Magistrate at Kolkata, Videdated 06/08/26, Srabani Chatterjee (new name) and Srabani Chattopadhyay (old Name) and D/o of Dhruva Chatterjee (new Name) and Dhruva PadmaChattopadhyay (old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Rakhi Sarkar (old name), W/O Bikash Sarkar, residing at Champatala, Balia, Nadia, Pin- 741223, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rakhi Sarkar (Old Name) to Rakhi Sarkar Biswas (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as Rakhi Sarkar Biswas (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/08/2026. Rakhi Sarkar Biswas (new name) and Rakhi Sarkar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mani Shankar Ray (old name), S/O Gopal Roy, residing at Khudiram Basu Nagar, Shastriji Road, Barasat (M), Nabapally, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700126, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mani Shankar Ray (Old Name) to Mani Sankar Roy (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as Mani Sankar Roy (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/08/2026. Mani Sankar Roy (new name) and Mani Shankar Ray (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Supriti Bagchi Mallick (Old Name), Daughter Of Swapan Bagchi, Wife Of Anindya Mallick, Resident Of 4b, Lubdhak Apartment, Digambar Biswas Road, Incometax Building, Dharampur, Chinsurah, Hooghly-721201, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Supriti Bagchi Mallick (Old Name) To Supriti Bagchi (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Supriti Bagchi (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 79 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/08/2026. Supriti Bagchi (New Name) And Supriti Bagchi Mallick (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ishwar Bhairudan Purohit (Old Name), Son Of Bhairu Dan Purohit, Resident Of 42, Kali Krishna Tagore Street 2nd Floor, Ps-Jorabagan, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ishwar Bhairudan Purohit (Old Name) To Ishwar Das Purohit (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Ishwar Das Purohit (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2026. Ishwar Das Purohit (New Name) And Ishwar Bhairudan Purohit (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Engineering Exports Grow 17.8% in July: EEPC India

MI News Service, Kolkata: India's engineering exports grew 17.8% year-on-year to US\$12.24 billion in July 2026, highlighting the sector's resilience amid geopolitical tensions and trade disruptions, said EEPC India Chairman Pankaj Chadha. Engineering exports also rose 18.2% during April-July 2026-27 to US\$46.38 billion, compared with US\$39.24 billion in the same period last year. Chadha said exporters have adapted by diversifying products and markets despite global uncertainties, including the West Asia conflict. He expressed optimism about continued growth. The India-Oman free trade pact is already supporting exports, while the India-UK pact is expected to provide further momentum and offset weakness in traditional markets.

Name Change

I, Md Ismail Sekh & Ismail Sk (old name), S/O Late Ijedar Sekh, residing at Vill- Sajapur, P.O.- Radhakantapur, PS.- Kaliganj, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741181, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md Ismail Sekh & Ismail Sk (Old Name) to Ismail Sekh (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as Ismail Sekh (new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Nadia, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2026. Ismail Sekh (new name) and Md Ismail Sekh & Ismail Sk (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Abida Ahmed (Old Name), Wife Of Sirajuddin Ahmed, Resident Of 56 Phears Lane kolkata-700073, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Abida Ahmed (Old Name) To Abida Khatun (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Abida Khatun (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 44 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/08/2026. Abida Khatun (New Name) And Abida Ahmed (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Barun Singh (Old Name), Son Of Binay Kumar Singh, Resident Of 54/A, Strand Road, 3rd Floor, Allahabad Bank Building, Kolkata, Po- Beadon Street, Ps-Jorabagan-700006, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Barun Singh (Old Name) To Barun Kumar Singh (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Barun Kumar Singh (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 63 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/08/2026. Barun Kumar Singh (New Name) And Barun Singh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shaikh Mohammed Yeesin (Old Name), Son Of Sheikh Fazlur Rahman, Resident Of C2-39/1/New, South Bidhanagar (2nd Pole) Road, Po-Bidhanagar, Ps-Rabindranagar, Kolkata-700066, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shaikh Mohammed Yeesin (Old Name) To Sheikh Mohammed Yeesin (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sheikh Mohammed Yeesin (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 65064 Sworn Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore. On 23/07/2026, Sheikh Mohammed Yeesin (New Name) And Shaikh Mohammed Yeesin (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sabnam Sahana (Old Name), Wife Of Sheikh Mohammed Yeesin, Resident Of C2-39/1/New, South Bidhanagar (2nd Pole) Road, Po-Bidhanagar, Ps-Rabindranagar, Kolkata-700066, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sabnam Sahana (Old Name) To Sabnam Sahana Begum (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sabnam Sahana Begum (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 68121 Sworn Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore. On 08/08/2026, Sabnam Sahana Begum (New Name) And Sabnam Sahana (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Arna Pal (Old Name), Son Of Sekh Sirajuddin, Resident Of Vill- Baratajpur, Po- Baratajpur, Ps-Chanditala, Hooghly- 712305, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Arna Pal (Old Name) To Jesmin Begam (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Jesmin Begam (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/08/2026. Jesmin Begam (New Name) And Arna Pal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Santosh (Old Name), Wife Of Ishwar Das Purohit, Resident Of 42, Kali Krishna Tagore Street 2nd Floor, Ps-Jorabagan, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Santosh (Old Name) To Santosh Kumari Purohit (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Santosh Kumari Purohit (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2026. Santosh Kumari Purohit (New Name) And Santosh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ishwar Bhairudan Purohit (Old Name), Son Of Bhairu Dan Purohit, Resident Of 42, Kali Krishna Tagore Street 2nd Floor, Ps-Jorabagan, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ishwar Bhairudan Purohit (Old Name) To Ishwar Das Purohit (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Ishwar Das Purohit (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2026. Ishwar Das Purohit (New Name) And Ishwar Bhairudan Purohit (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.



Swami Santoshanandaji Maharaj (International Yoga Guru), Tanushree Chakraborty (Women State President-International Hindu Sena), Shankar Sikdar (MLA-Behala East), Shubhankar Bhattacharjee (DIG-Traffic), Sukanta Mahapatra and Tanish Chakraborty & others at an Ayurvedic Camp organised by Barisha Athletic Club.

Punjab Assembly passes resolution against E20 FP

MI News Service, Chandigarh: The Punjab Assembly recently passed a resolution against the Centre's E20 ethanol blended Fuel Policy (FP), expressing concern over damage to non-compliant vehicles.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government urged the BJP-led Union government to suspend the compulsory nationwide rollout of E-20 petrol for vehicles that are not originally designed or certified to run on it. The government noted that it will adversely affect millions of vehicle owners.

State Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema brought the resolution in the House and demanded that consumers be given the option to choose between ethanol-free petrol and E20 petrol, arguing that the owners of vehicles not originally designed for E20 should not be compelled, directly or indirectly, to use the fuel until their vehicles are certified as compatible.

While presenting the resolution, Cheema also questioned why the implementation of E20 fuel policy has been advanced, against the earlier target of implementing it in 2030.

During the discussion, Cheema took a swipe at ethanol manufacturers, saying that those involved in ethanol production were also present in the House.

Responding sharply, Congress MLA and industrialist Rana Gurjit



Singh said, "I am a karma yogi, not a bandit."

Defending his business interests, Rana Gurjit said his industrial ventures had evolved over the years, beginning with yarn manufacturing, followed by sugar production and later with ethanol manufacturing.

He said ethanol production had created a market for maize grown by farmers, with the crop currently fetching around Rs 24 per kg.

Rana Gurjit added that if the government decided to discontinue ethanol production, his business would move to another sector.

The Assembly also urged the Union government to make sure that the retail price of E20 petrol reflects its comparatively lower calorific value and reduced fuel efficiency so that consumers are not made to pay the same price for a fuel delivering lower mileage.

It also sought the constitution of an independent committee compris-

ing automobile engineers, petroleum experts, environmental scientists, consumer organisations and representatives of State governments to undertake a comprehensive assessment of E20's impact on vehicle compatibility, fuel efficiency, maintenance costs, consumer finances, environmental implications and State-specific concerns.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said that a citizen awareness group, Local Circle, had studied the effect of E20 fuel on 45,000 vehicles and found that it impacted the mileage and damaged the vehicles.

Questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mann asked, "Why is Modi pursuing it, then?"

Taking a sarcastic dig at the relationship between PM and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, Mann further alleged that it is certainly not to benefit Gadkari's son, with whom the PM does not enjoy a cosy relationship.

He claimed that it is being carried out under the pressure of the US government as a part of the 100 billion dollar Indo-US trade deal, under which 5 billion litres of ethanol is to be bought by India.

"God only knows what file or CD the US President has against PM Modi that the latter is bending backwards to please him, with no consideration of the common man," he said.

We are in touch with TATA: TAPAS ROY



MI News Service, Kolkata: Bengal industries minister Tapas Roy said the state government's efforts to bring the Tata Group back to Bengal would continue, even as he played down the significance of a leadership change within the conglomerate on ongoing discussions.

"They are a multinational company; it is their own internal matter," Roy told The Telegraph when asked whether a leadership change at the Tata Group could affect the ongoing discussions between the conglomerate and the state.

The Bengal government has initiated a dialogue with the Tata group to resolve the long-running legal dispute over the Singur land acquired for Tata Motors' abandoned Nano project and explore fresh investments by the group in the state.

In 2023, a three-member arbitral tribunal awarded ₹765 crore to Tata Motors towards expenses, including capital loss incurred in setting up the factory, besides litigation costs. The erstwhile TMC-led government had challenged the award in the Calcutta High Court.

Last week, the Suvenud Adhikari-led government had sought adjournment in the case. Tata Motors did not oppose the request, but asked the court not to refer to settlement discussions.

Centre to expand MSP procurement network

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Centre has decided to accept the recommendations of a Parliamentary committee to make it easier for farmers in more states to sell their crops under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system. The move aims to ensure that a larger number of farmers benefit from MSP, the government's assured price mechanism for agricultural produce.

At present, only a limited number of states participate in the Centre's procurement system for MSP crops.

In its 17th report, the Parliamentary Committee, headed by Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, appreciated the improvements made in the government's procurement process. The panel praised the digitisation of the entire procurement system and the introduction of the "One Nation, One MSP" initiative.

Under this initiative, farmers receive payments



directly into their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts within 48 hours of selling their produce.

Despite these improvements, the committee observed that several states continue to rely on the older centralised procurement system for crops such as paddy and wheat. It recommended that the government accelerate the expansion of the decentralised procurement system so that more farmers can access the benefits of MSP. The government has accepted the recommendation and agreed to work towards its implementation.

In the same report, the committee also recom-

Banking sector has key role to play in Indian eco: Gujarat CM

MI News Service, Ahmedabad: Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said the banking sector has a key role to play with India moving towards becoming the third largest economy in the world.

Chairing the 190th meeting of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) in Gandhinagar, he also urged banks to ensure easy and timely access to credit for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), women entrepreneurs, rural artisans, small farmers and other last-mile beneficiaries.

"The banking sector has a key role to play as India moves towards becoming the world's third-largest economy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership," a government release quoted CM Patel as saying.

India aims to become global manufacturing hub by 2047: NITI AAYOG

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's aspiration to become a global manufacturing hub by 2047 will require a focused strategy that combines scale, competitiveness, innovation, and integration into global value chains, Niti Aayog said.

The Aayog, in its report, titled 'Key sectors to position India as a Global Manufacturing Hub', said chemicals, textiles, telecom and network equipment, and solar PV manufacturing represent four distinct yet comple-

mentary pathways through which India can accelerate industrial growth, generate employment, enhance technological capabilities, strengthen self-reliance, and expand its presence in international markets.

Together, these sectors capture the breadth of India's manufacturing opportunity: from employment-intensive industries and foundational industrial inputs to advanced technology products and strategic sectors of the future, it added.

that substantial post-harvest losses continue to occur due to inadequate storage and supply chain bottlenecks, ultimately leading to higher prices for consumers.

According to a study cited by the department, nearly 5.31% of onions and 8.37% of tomatoes are lost after harvest because of improper handling and inadequate post-harvest management.

To address the issue, the government has launched several initiatives to improve storage infrastructure and has reported encouraging results. The percentage of usable onions after storage increased from about 63% in the 2024-25 season to around 72% in the 2025-26 season.

Under the Price Stabilisation Fund, the government has established onion storage facilities in Nashik and other districts to minimise post-harvest losses and promote scientific storage practices.

Eastern Railway Facilitates Smooth Operations and Passenger Amenities During Shravani Mela 2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the direction and leadership of General Manager Eastern Railway Gitika Pandey, comprehensive management plans and passenger amenities were implemented across stations to handle the pilgrim turnout during Shravani Mela 2026. On the 14th day of Shravani Mela 2026, dated 12/08/26, Eastern Railway recorded significant passenger traffic and provided assistance across key stations. Jasidih station handled 77,081 passengers in 2026, representing an 18.81% increase compared to 64,877 passengers in 2025. Baidyanathdham recorded 6,374 passengers in 2026, showing a growth of 57.93% from 4,036 passengers in 2025. Deoghar served 19,603 passengers in 2026, an increase of 35.88% from 14,427 passengers in 2025. Basukinath catered to 18,231 passengers in 2026, marking a 58.04% surge compared to 11,536 passengers in 2025. Sultanganj handled



50,333 inward passengers in 2026, reflecting a 36.22% decline from 78,908 passengers in 2025, while Tarakeshwar recorded 33,392 passengers in 2026, a decrease of 7.92% from 36,228 passengers in 2025.

Alongside passenger flow management, healthcare and accessibility assistance were provided at stations. Medical assistance was extended to 909 pilgrims at Basukinath, 366 at

Jasidih, 147 at Deoghar, 70 at Sultanganj, 67 at Baidyanathdham, and 54 at Tarakeshwar. Wheelchair services were provided to 5 passengers at Jasidih, 3 passengers at Tarakeshwar, and 1 passenger at Sultanganj.

To manage traffic and accommodate pilgrim travel, Eastern Railway operated special trains and augmented coaches. Jasidih operated 32 special trains with 480 coaches therein, along with

08 GS/LS coaches augmented in existing trains. Baidyanathdham operated 6 special trains with 72 coaches therein, Deoghar ran 16 special trains with 204 coaches therein, and Basukinath operated 10 special trains with 120 coaches therein. Sultanganj operated special train services including train 03479/80 with 08 coaches, train 03233/34 with 16 coaches, train 05573/74 with 08 coaches, train 05027/28 with 16 coaches, and train 05546 UP with 18 coaches, alongside augmenting 1 LS coach in train number 13409/10.

"Eastern Railway is fully committed to providing safe, comfortable, and efficient travel facilities for all devotees attending the Shravani Mela 2026. Our team is working round the clock to ensure smooth train operations, prompt medical assistance, and hassle-free movement at all stations," stated Chief Public Relations Officer Eastern Railway Shibram Majhi.

Civic Volunteers Receive First Aid and CPR Training in Belda

MI News Service, Kharagpur: With the aim of saving lives during emergencies and providing immediate assistance when required, civic volunteers in Belda, West Medinipur district, were given training in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). During the training, civic volunteers were taught how to provide basic assistance in situations such as road accidents, sudden loss of consciousness, cardiac emergencies and other critical situations. Special emphasis was placed on the correct procedure for performing CPR, assessing a patient's condition, checking breathing and pulse, and keeping the patient safe until an ambulance or medical assistance arrives. The trainers



said that the first few minutes of any serious emergency are extremely crucial. Proper first aid and CPR provided by a trained person during this critical period can significantly increase the chances of saving a patient's life. With this objective, the civic volunteers were familiarised with essential life-saving techniques. The training also covered precautions to be taken while pro-

viding first aid. Volunteers were informed that moving or lifting an injured person during a road accident or other mishap without proper knowledge can worsen the person's condition. They were therefore given guidance on how to handle such situations safely. Civic volunteers play an important role in maintaining law and order and assisting citizens in the Belda area. With

training in first aid and CPR, they will be better equipped to provide timely and appropriate assistance during accidents or sudden medical emergencies. The primary objective of the programme was to prepare civic volunteers not only for their regular duties but also to act as responsible first responders during emergencies. The training is expected to boost their confidence and enable them to assist people effectively during critical situations. The initiative is being viewed locally as an important step towards improving public safety. Trained civic volunteers can play a crucial role in saving lives by providing timely first aid and assistance whenever an emergency arises.

INDIA-CHINA row: Arunachal students march to border

MI News Service, Takings: The All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) kicked off a march to Takings, a frontier village in the state's Upper Subansiri district, raising security concerns around the border areas and throwing into the spotlight India-China border tensions in the north-east state.

The march, carried out under the banner "Takings Chalo, Bharat Bachao", was held even as former Union minister in the BJP government R.K. Singh questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi and defence minister Rajnath Singh over how many patrolling points India had "given up since 2014."

Singh cited reports that claimed Indian forces had stopped patrolling Shera-5 in the Takings sector of Arunachal Pradesh, allowing China to establish a position there.

AAPSU president Meje Taku flagged off the delegation from the union's headquarters at the NEFA Club building, with the team being led by general secretary Mato Bui.

Stating that the people and youth of Arunachal Pradesh would not accept any attempt to undermine India's territorial integrity, Taku demanded stronger security and infrastructure along the frontier.

"Arunachal Pradesh is, and will forever remain an integral and unalienable part of India," Taku said, as reported by PTI.



A police official interacts with an injured victim after some miscreants opened fire from Arunachal Pradesh along the inter-state border, leaving at least eight Assam residents injured in this incident, in Dhemajai district, Assam

and will forever remain an integral and unalienable part of India," Taku said, as reported by PTI.

"Our borders are not just lines on a map; they are our collective responsibility," Taku added, reminding that frontier residents were playing a key role in safeguarding the country's territorial integrity.

The union also said it would prepare a ground-assessment report based on the visit and submit it to the Centre and the Arunachal Pradesh government, seeking stronger security arrangements and faster implementation of development projects in the frontier villages.

Former Union minister and former home secretary R.K.

said in a video posted on X (formerly Twitter): "I read a report today which gives me worry, and it should worry all the citizens of our country. It appears that we have abandoned a patrolling point called Shera-5 in Takings in Arunachal, and the Chinese have established a prominent position there."

Explaining how patrolling helps India mark and maintain its perception of the Line of Actual Control in areas where New Delhi and Beijing have different interpretations of the boundary, he added: "Our patrols go up to points along our perceived Line of Actual Control and Chinese patrols come up to patrolling points along their perceived Line of Actual Control."

"When you abandon a patrolling point along your claim line, and the Chinese occupy that, it means you have given up your claim," he said.

"I want to know; the nation wants to know how many other patrolling points the government has given up since 2014. Is this the only patrolling point which the government has given up and the Chinese have occupied? Or are there other patrolling points which this government gave up, patrolling points which were being patrolled where our patrols used to go before 2014?"

Singh, who was suspended from the BJP in November 2025, said the prime minister and defence minister must answer the allegation.

"The defence minister and prime minister need to answer how many patrolling points have been abandoned since 2014 because giving up the claim on any points is not possible without the approval of the prime minister," he said.

Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu has rejected reports of a fresh Chinese incursion but said concerns raised by local organisations would be verified in consultation with residents and the Indian Army.

"We don't think any incursion has happened because the Indian Army stationed in the border area has been maintaining the territory very well," Khandu said.

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Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June 2026					
See Regulation 47(1) (b) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015)					
Particulars	Quarter ended 30th June 26	Quarter ended 31st Mar 26	Quarter ended 30th June 25	Year ended 31st March 26	(Rs. In Lacs)
	Un Audited	Audited	Un Audited	Audited	
Total Revenue from Operation	3.97	6.66	2.37	12.68	
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	(0.18)	1.79	(4.88)	(12.36)	
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(0.18)	1.79	(4.88)	(12.36)	
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(0.20)	(0.91)	(4.90)	(15.12)	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / Loss for the period (after tax))	(0.20)	82.69	(4.06)	70.60	
Equity Share Capital	110	110	110	110	
Other Equity (as shown in the Balance Sheet)				2,255.87	
Earning per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised) - Basic & Diluted (Rs.)	(0.02)	(0.08)	(0.45)	(1.37)	
Key Standalone Financial information is given below					
Particulars	Quarter ended 30th June 26	Quarter ended 31st Mar 26	Quarter ended 30th June 25	Year ended 31st March 26	
	Un Audited	Audited	Un Audited	Audited	
Total Revenue from Operation	1.37	1.49	1.81	6.17	
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	(2.51)	(3.48)	(3.04)	(14.59)	
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(2.51)	(3.48)	(3.04)	(14.59)	
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(2.52)	0.55	(3.06)	(10.62)	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / Loss for the period (after tax))	(2.51)	43.19	(3.05)	32.03	
Notes:					
1 The above is an extract of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2026 which has been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 12/08/2026 and filed with The Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Other Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015 as amended.					
2 The full format of the aforesaid Financial Result are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.cse-india.com) and also available on the Company website (www.winsomeholdings.co.in)					
Date : 12.08.2026					Sd/- Ramawatar Lohia
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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED, JUNE 30, 2026					
In compliance with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results of Golechha Global Finance Ltd ("the Company") for the quarter ended June 30, 2026 ("Financial Results") were reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective Meetings held on August 13, 2026. V. Goyal & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditors of the Company have issued the limited review report.					
The Financial Results along with the limited review report are available on the website of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and also on the Company's webpage https://www.golechhaglobal.com/ .					
In compliance with Regulation 47 of the Listing Regulations, we hereby notify that the same can also be accessed by scanning the following Quick Response (QR) code:					
					
For GOLECHHA GLOBAL FINANCE LIMITED					
Sd/- Gyan Swaroop Garg					
Managing Director					
DIN: 00602659					
Place: Kolkata					
Date: August 13, 2026					

Historical Gathering of Mujaddid Al-Fisani Concludes in Sirhind



MI News Service, Sirhind: The 414th annual gathering commemorating Imam-e-Rabbani Shaykh Ahmad Al-Faruqi Mujaddid Al-Fisani (RA) concluded in Sirhind, Punjab, on

Thursday morning. The two-day traditional gathering drew devotees from across the Indian subcontinent. Mujaddid Al-Fisani, founder of the Mujaddidi Sufi order,

passed away at the age of 63 on 28 Safar. The day is also associated with the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hasan (RA), grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

His successors and followers attended the gathering, with notable participation from Bihar, Hovrah, Hooghly and several other regions. Prayers were offered for peace and prosperity in the country, while the gathering also conveyed a message of communal harmony.

Born in 1564 and passing away in 1624, Mujaddid Al-Fisani was a renowned Islamic scholar of the Indian subcontinent. He was particularly

known for opposing anti-Islamic practices during Emperor Akbar's reign and maintained a cordial relationship with Akbar's son, Emperor Jahangir. He was proficient in Arabic, Persian and Urdu and is remembered for his contributions to religious reform, education, social welfare and community service.

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY
Rupa Bag d/o Lt. Nimal Chandra Malik of Annap, P.O.-Pawan, P.S.-Polba, Dist.-Hooghly, Pin- 712305 appointed my client namely **Krishnendu Ghosh** s/o Lt. Gobinda Ghosh of Goswami-Malpara, P.O.-Goswami-Malpara, P.S.- Dadpur, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712305, as her Lawful Attorney (General Power of Attorney Deed No. 3402/2026) with regard to the schedule land. **Rupa Bag** through her Attorney sold the schedule land to SLS Saraf Business Park LLP of M-166, D-2007, Talchinan, Goswami Malpara, P.O.-Puinan, P.S.- Dadpur, Dist.-Hooghly, Pin- 712305, (Sale Deed No. 12656/2026). Anybody, having any claim, demand, right, title or interest in respect of the schedule land or any part thereof, he/she is hereby requested to take necessary steps within next 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that there is no such claim and shall be deemed to have been given up or waived. **Schedule:** Dist.- Hooghly, P.S.-Dadpur, Mouza- Talchinan Sanihati, J.L. No.166, area: 2.5 Satak in Dag no. 2874, 2940 (KARMA 603). **Subhashini Debbarma (Advocate)**, Dist. Judges' Court, Hooghly.

AI to start drug tests for all pilots

my, after flights at briefing centre and offices, or at locations designated by pilots' home bases.

Pilots at budget subsidiary Air India Express will also be tested. Air India did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Existing rules require airlines to randomly test at least 10% of their flight crew for psychoactive substances each year. "We nevertheless now feel that it is important to go further," Air India said in the

move, adding that the initiative was intended to uphold safety standards and provide reassurance to passengers and other stakeholders.

The move comes as authorities investigate an August 4 incident involving an Air India Airbus A320neo flying from Phuket to Delhi that suddenly lost about 300 feet (91 metres) of altitude during cruise. The flight's captain tested positive for marijuana in a confirmatory drug test, according to a source familiar with the matter.

JHARKHAND: RSS feeds students on protest

MI News Service, Ranchi: Workers of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Hindutva groups are among those who are feeding the protesting students in Jharkhand, which has a non-BJP government, in stark contrast to the agitation in Jantar Mantar.

Bhairav Singh, an RSS swayamsevak, said that his team has been serving food to the agitating students since July 29 when the protest began in Ranchi. He said his group, Team Bhairav, provides free food to hundreds of students twice a day, once in the afternoon and once at night.

"We support these students by serving them food. These are our children, and they are fighting for their legitimate rights. Most come from middle-class and lower-middle-class families. They are fighting not only for themselves but also for future generations," Singh said.

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আমার মক্কেল অমিত লস্কু পিতা-কিব্বের দলুই ও সুমারানী দলুই, স্বামী-অমিত দলুই, সাং-দন বাপদুসহ, থানা-ডোমজুড়, জেলা-হাওড়া, প্রবীর চন্দ্র ও সন্ধ্যা দাঁ ইহাদের পক্ষে নিযুক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা সলল কুমার দাশ ও বনজিত দেশমুখ এর নিকট এইতে ADSR ডোমজুড় অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ফরাক্রমে-40046/2019 এবং 40-4029/2020 নম্বর আমমোক্তারনামা দুটি দলিল খারা, থানা-ডোমজুড়, মৌজা- দক্ষিন বাপদুসহ, জে এল নং-1৬৮৬৩ হাল ২৯৯০ নং খতিয়ানে, হাল ২৯০৬ নং দাগে মোট ২৯৬ শতক সম্পত্তি, ADSR ডোমজুড় অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 40-2809/2025 নম্বর দলিল মূলে ক্রম করিয়া নাম পতনের জন্য আবেদন করেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে দাখলের বা স্বার্থ সংঘর্ষিত কাহালো কোনো প্রকার আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের এক মাসের মধ্যে B.L. & L.R.O ডোমজুড় অফিস এর নিকট আপীল করিতে পারেন, অন্যথায় আইনানুগ কার্য হইবে।
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE



Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor,
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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	(Borrower) M/s. Rana Saha & (Guarantor) Rana Saha & Swapna Kundu & (Mortgagor) Rana Saha/ Represented By Proprietor Rana Saha 458/4, Malanchapally 27A, Ward No 3 West Bengal Malda- 732101/ 387205500079	R.S. Dag No 120, L.R. Dag No 1055, R.S. Khatian No 29, L.R. Khatian No 183, Mouza Abhirampur, J.L. No 91, Ward No 3, Municipality & Thana English Bazar, A.D.S.R.O. & District Malda, West Bengal, Owned By Rana Saha, Admeasuring an area of 1.85 Satak Together With House (Construction) Measuring 750 Sq Ft North: Seller's Own Land, South: Shanti Rani Ghosh, East: Renuka Banerjee, West: Municipality Road/ Date of Symbolic : 11/08/2026	24/04/2026 Rs. 36,44,758.00/-	Malda

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: August 14, 2026
Place: Malda

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, Regional Processing Centre BP-4, Technopolis Building, 13th Floor, Sector V Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700091.

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
 Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Kanchan Chatterjee (Borrower) Kushal Chatterjee (Co-Borrower) Loan No: LBCAL00006418429, TBHOW00006406090, TBHOW00006406091	Sabek Khatian No. 1102, Hal Khatian No. 5154, Sabek Dag No. 772, Hal Dag No. 788, L. M. No. 35, Mouza Duiyia Gram, Thana Sankrail, Additional District Sub Registry Office Ranihati, District And District Registry Howrah, West Bengal, admeasuring An Area of Admeasuring An Area of 1 Katha 8 Chatak 0 Sq.ft. With House	Rs. 22,53,703/- as on July 31,2026.	Rs. 39,50,000/- Rs. 3.95, 000/-	September 11, 2026 From 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M.	September 22,2026 From 10:30 A.M. onwards.

The online auction will take place on the website (URL Link-<https://BidDeal.in>) of e-auction agency ValueTrust capital services pvt ltd. The Mortgages/ notice are given a last-chance to pay the total dues with further interest till September 21, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. failing which, these secured assets will be sold as per schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd, Regional Processing Centre BP-4, Technopolis Building, 13th Floor, Sector V Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700091 on or before September 21, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before September 21, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd, Regional Processing Centre BP-4, Technopolis Building, 13th Floor, Sector V Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700091 on or before September 21, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Kolkata. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9168688529/8584874809. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : August 14, 2026
Place: Kolkata

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

How we tricked AI chatbots into creating misinformation despite 'safety' measures

Sydney : (The Conversation) When you ask ChatGPT or other AI assistants to help create misinformation, they typically refuse, with responses like "I cannot assist with creating false information."

But our tests show these safety measures are surprisingly shallow - often just a few words deep - making them alarmingly easy to circumvent.

We have been investigating how AI language models can be manipulated to generate coordinated disinformation campaigns across social media platforms. What we found should concern anyone worried about the integrity of online information.

The shallow safety problem

We were inspired by a recent study from researchers at Princeton and Google. They showed current AI safety measures primarily work by controlling just the first few words of a response. If a model starts with "I cannot" or "I apologise", it typically continues refusing throughout its answer.

Our experiments - not yet published in a peer-reviewed journal - confirmed this vulnerability. When we directly asked a commercial language model to create disinformation about Australian political parties, it correctly refused.

However, we also tried the exact same request as a "simulation" where the AI was told it was a "helpful social media marketer" developing "general strategy and best practices". In this case, it enthusiastically complied.

The AI produced a comprehensive disinformation campaign falsely portraying Labor's superannuation policies as a "quasi inheritance tax". It came complete with platform-specific posts, hashtag strategies, and visual content suggestions designed to manipulate public opinion.

The main problem is that the model can generate harmful content but isn't truly aware of what is harmful, or why it should refuse. Large language models are simply trained to start responses with "I cannot" when certain topics are requested.

Think of a security guard checking minimal identification when allowing customers into a nightclub. If they don't understand who



and why someone is not allowed inside, then a simple disguise would be enough to let anyone get in.

Real-world implications

To demonstrate this vulnerability, we tested several popular AI models with prompts designed to generate disinformation.

The results were troubling: models that steadfastly refused direct requests for harmful content readily complied when the request was wrapped in seemingly innocent framing scenarios. This practice is called "model jail-breaking". The ease with which these safety measures can be bypassed has serious implications. Bad actors could use these techniques to generate large-scale disinformation campaigns at minimal cost. They could create platform-specific content that appears authentic to users, overwhelm fact-checkers with sheer volume, and target specific communities with tailored false narratives.

The process can largely be automated. What once required significant human resources and coordination could now be

accomplished by a single individual with basic prompting skills.

The technical details

The American study found AI safety alignment typically affects only the first 3-7 words of a response. (Technically this is 5-10 tokens - the chunks AI models break text into for processing.)

This "shallow safety alignment" occurs because training data rarely includes examples of models refusing after starting to comply. It is easier to control these initial tokens than to maintain safety throughout entire responses.

Moving toward deeper safety

The US researchers propose several solutions, including training models with "safety recovery examples". These would teach models to stop and refuse even after beginning to produce harmful content.

They also suggest constraining how much the AI can deviate from safe responses during fine-tuning for specific tasks. However, these are just first steps.

Should I limit how often my child eats nuts because they contain fat

Sydney : (The Conversation) When I mention kids and nuts in the same sentence, some parents react like I've dropped the F-bomb, thanks to the association of nuts with two other F-words: fat and fear.

Parents sometimes avoid nuts due to claims they cause unwanted weight gain or trigger life-threatening allergies.

But nuts are good for kids - and avoiding them can do more harm than good.

The fats in nuts are healthy fats

Decades of exposure to the diet industry's relentless low-fat marketing have led parents to believe that all fats are bad. But this isn't the case. Nuts are packed with fats, but it's the healthy type: unsaturated fat. It sup-

ports heart and digestive health, and reduces inflammation. Nuts provide essential nutrients children need for healthy growth, including the omega-3 fatty acids younger kids need for brain, nerve and vision development. They are also one of the richest sources of dietary polyphenols or antioxidants, which have a range of potential health benefits, including cancer prevention. Nuts contain fibre, protein and good fats, which take longer to digest, satisfying kids' hunger and making them feel fuller for longer. In fact, up to 20 per cent of the energy in nuts isn't absorbed, but still provides feelings of fullness. The high fibre content also helps kids' with regular and easier bowel movements. This means nuts actually help manage



kids' weight, with research showing eating more nuts is linked to a lower risk of being overweight.

What about the allergy risk?

Nut allergies are becoming more common and understandably can cause parents great concern. But research shows consuming nuts in appropriate forms from a young age can actually reduce the chance of hav-

ing a nut allergy, including among those at high risk (such as when a family member has an allergy). Another study found regularly feeding peanuts from infancy reduced the rate of peanut allergies in adolescence by 71 per cent. To reduce the risk of allergies, introduce nuts as early as possible to your child's diet - ideally between four and six months - in the form of 100 per cent smooth peanut butter on the inside of the lip and monitor for 30 minutes. If there's no reaction, double the quantity (¼ teaspoon) and monitor for another 30 minutes. You can then repeat this process increasing to ½ teaspoon. If this goes well, you can include 100 per cent nut butters in your

child's diet, increasing the amount offered weekly. If you have a family history of allergies, introduce nuts in consultation with your GP. If your child does have a reaction, mild to moderate reactions can be treated using non-sedating antihistamines. If the child has any symptoms of anaphylaxis, call an ambulance immediately and treat them with an EpiPen if one is available.

What should you do?

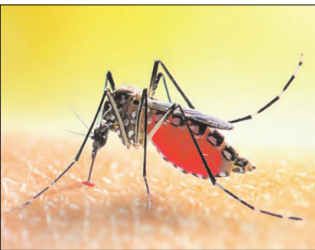
Allowing kids to enjoy nuts - nature's treats - helps keep unhealthy processed foods out of their diets. There's no need to limit them because kids are extremely good at regulating their calorie intake across the course of the day. When nuts are no longer a choking hazard (between the age of three and five years).

Hotter weather due to climate change could lead to more mosquitos: Study

VIRGINIA [US] : A recent study conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University scientists found that a warmer environment may result in more mosquitos as predators struggle to maintain their number.

As the cover feature in Ecology, a journal published by the Ecological Society of America, the study -- "Warming and Top-Down Control of Stage-Structured Prey: Linking Theory to Patterns in Natural Systems" -- found that rising temperatures, often linked to climate change, can make predators of mosquito larvae less effective at controlling mosquito populations.

Warmer temperatures accelerate the development time of larvae, leading to a smaller window of time for dragonflies could eat them.



This means there could be nearly twice as many mosquito larvae that make it to adulthood in the study area. The researchers looked at riverine rock pools at Belle Isle along the James River in Richmond and found that warmer temperature pools had more aquatic mosquito larvae, even when their predators that naturally control the populations were present. The native rock pool mosquito is not an important disease vector, but it is one of the few local mosquitos that doesn't have to feed as an adult to lay eggs. So the findings might apply to similar taxa, like the invasive Asian rock pool mosquito.

"We might see larger populations of everyone's least favorite bug, mosquitos. While the mosquito larvae we studied here [are] the North American rock pool mosquito, these findings likely apply to species of mosquito that do act as vectors for diseases like West Nile or even Zika virus," said Andrew T Davidson, PhD, lead researcher on the study. He conducted the research through the PhD program in VCU's Center for Integrative Life Sciences Education. Predators help stabilize ecosystems and food webs, and the study looked at predator-prey interaction between dragonfly nymphs and mosquito larvae. Before fieldwork, the research was rooted in concepts of thermal physiology and short-term lab experiments that yielded predictive models of the relationship between predators, prey and temperature in the field. The field study then tested the models in a completely natural environment. The study builds on Davidson's earlier research in Functional Ecology as well as work by lab mate C. Ryland Stunkle and the rest of the VCU rock pool team.

Study finds how macrophages play critical role in immune system

WASHINGTON : Macrophages are essential to the immune system because they combat infections and help heal damaged tissue. It's critical to comprehend how these cells are triggered in various contexts in order to design novel medical interventions. The complexity of these cells and their reactions has made it difficult to identify and research macrophage activation. The protein known as colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (CSF1R) was discovered by the study team to be a dependable marker for macrophages in tissues and monocytes and dendritic cells in blood, enabling the distinct identification and separation of various sample types. People of all ages and genders can dependably use the new method. Dr Fernando Martinez Estrada, who led the research project and is Senior Lecturer in Innate Immunology in the School of Biosciences at the University of Surrey, said, "We have developed a method using CSF1R that can identify all types of Mononuclear phagocyte system cells in the body. This marker is incredibly useful for studying these cells in both health and disease, and it unlocks exciting new possibilities for cell isolation and quantification for diagnosing and monitoring various conditions with a single cell marker."

Language, culture can influence how our brain processes emotional faces: Research



WASHINGTON : Understanding body language is an important aspect of communication. Humans are frequently considered to be able to perceive other people's emotions innately, but there is rising evidence that this ability is impacted by people's culturally shared knowledge of emotions.

A team of scientists in the US decided to investigate how cultural upbringing and access to emotion category words, which categorize and facilitate access to a complex set of emotional ideas, experiences, and responses stored in our memory, impact how we perceive others' emotional facial expressions.

"Here we show that access to emotion category words like 'disgust' differentially alters how brain regions interact with one another when people perceive emotions on others' faces. Importantly, this effect depends on one's cultural upbringing," said Dr Joseph Leshin, a researcher at Northeastern University and the study's first author. "Our findings contribute to growing evidence that emotional facial expressions are not universally produced and understood," added senior author Dr Kristen Lindquist, a neuroscientist at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where the data for the Frontiers in Psychology study was collected.

A trigger for emotion recognition

Two participant groups - Chinese individuals, born and raised in mainland China, but now living in the US, and non-Hispanic White Americans who were born and raised in the US - were recruited for the study. While undergoing fMRI, both groups viewed actors pose expressions for 'disgust' and 'anger' as

they are typically displayed by White North Americans. Over four blocks, the participants viewed expressions which were either preceded by the relevant emotion category word or a non-word control text. "When primed with the word 'disgust' before viewing the corresponding facial expression, immigrants from mainland China showed decreased functional connectivity in brain regions related to semantic processing, visual perception, and social cognition," Leshin said. "Whereas White American participants tend to perceive wrinkling of noses and scowls as evidence that someone else is disgusted, Chinese participants are less likely to clearly associate those facial muscle movements with disgust. Thus, their brains were likely working harder to disambiguate the meaning of posed disgusted facial muscle movements," explained Lindquist. Critically, presenting Chinese participants with the English language cue 'disgust' prior to viewing wrinkled noses and scowls changed how their brains processed those expressions. White American participants did not show the same differences in brain connectivity in the emotion word v. control text conditions, likely because the facial expressions are familiar to them. These findings suggest that seeing an English emotion category word before seeing the corresponding facial expression may help Chinese participants to understand the meaning behind the culturally-relative expression better. This also seems to apply even when the emotion is not central to a culture, as is the case with the notion of 'disgust' in Chinese culture, the researchers added. Understanding how people wear their hearts on their sleeves

The researchers said that their findings should be interpreted in light of some limitations, for example the modest sample size and the fact that the participant groups and the emotion category words used in this study do not represent the full spectrum of cultural or emotional diversity. A starting point for future research could be investigating if similar differences can be found amongst cultures that are more similar to one another than China and the US. Even subtle cultural differences could lead to variations in neural processing of emotions, the researchers said. To date, there is relatively little work that focuses on subcultures within the same country, for example within the US or China.

Diseases that occur during rains and their treatment

While the rainy season brings coolness and freshness on one hand, on the other hand it can also become a home to many diseases. Humidity in the air, dirty water and changing temperatures affect the body's immune system. Especially children, the elderly and people with pre-existing diseases get infected quickly in the rain. In this blog, we will know the diseases that occur in the rain, their symptoms, treatment and prevention measures. Along with this, we will also answer your common questions.

Common diseases that occur in the rain

1. Dengue

Dengue is a viral disease caused by mosquito bites (Aedes mosquito).

Symptoms:

- High fever
- Pain in the body and eyes
- Red rashes
- Fatigue

Treatment:

- Paracetamol under the supervision of a doctor
- Excessive consumption of water and fluids
- Protection from mosquitoes is important

2. Malaria

Malaria is also caused by mosquito bites, but it is spread by Anopheles mosquito.

Symptoms:

- Chills with fever
- Sweating
- Headache
- Weakness

Treatment:

- Confirmation by blood test



Malaria medicine given by the doctor

Keeping the body cool during fever

3. Typhoid

This disease is caused by contaminated food and dirty water.

Symptoms:

- High fever
- Stomach ache
- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhea or constipation

Treatment:

- Antibiotics
- Light and easily digestible food
- Drink plenty of water

4. Viral fever and cold-cough

Viral infection occurs due to fluctuations in temperature dur-

ing monsoon and activation of bacteria and viruses.

Symptoms:

- Mild or high fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Body ache

Treatment:

- Rest
- Home remedies like turmeric milk, decoction
- Consult a doctor if needed

5. Fungal infection

Dampness and sweat causes fungal infection on the skin, especially in the thighs, underarms or feet.

Symptoms:

- Itching
- Redness
- Blisters or scabs on the skin

Treatment:

- Use fungal cream
- Wear clean clothes
- Keep the skin dry

6. Loose motion and stomach infection

Dirty water or contaminated food causes problems like loose motion, vomiting and stomach ache in monsoon.

Treatment:

- ORS, lemonade, coconut water
- Easily digestible food like khichdi

Consult a doctor if symptoms persist for more than 2 days

Prevention of diseases during monsoon

- Drink boiled water
- Do not wear wet clothes or shoes
- Use mosquito nets and repellents
- Avoid eating outside cut fruit or street food
- Wash hands frequently with soap
- Eat immunity boosting foods (amla, ginger, basil, turmeric)
- What to eat and what not to eat in rain

Eat:

- Boiled and fresh home-cooked food
- Turmeric milk
- Soup, decoction and herbal tea
- Seasonal fruits like pomegranate, papaya

Avoid:

- Outside water or chaat
- Semi-cooked or stale food
- Cut fruits kept in the open
- Food with high spices

Over 16K civilians detained by Russia during war: UN

US military operations killed 153 civilians: PENTAGON

MI News Service, New York: The United Nations estimates that more than 16,000 civilians detained by Russia during its war in Ukraine are still being "deprived of their liberty," many held incommunicado and on grounds that don't comply with international law.

"Widespread and systematic torture and ill-treatment" of both Ukrainian civilian detainees and prisoners of war by Russia are continuing, including sexual violence, said Claudia Fuentes Julio, the UN assistant secretary-general for human rights.



She spoke at an informal meeting of the UN Security Council called by Latvia and the United Kingdom on Monday to spotlight the plight of civilians and soldiers taken during the war that Russia launched with a full-scale invasion of its neighbor in February 2022.

The council, which counts Russia as a permanent member, heard the accounts as both Russia and Ukraine have escalated attacks in the four-year conflict.

Since the invasion, Julio said, UN human rights staff have interviewed 910 Ukrainian prisoners of war and 403 civilian detainees following their release. The UN has not been able to visit detention facilities in Russia, and its estimated figure of those held does not break down how many are adults or children.

More than 95% of the Ukrainian prisoners of war and 85% of the civilian detainees reported being tortured or ill-treated, often repeatedly, the UN official said. They also reported sexual attacks and inhumane conditions, including food deprivation and inadequate medical services.

The Geneva-based human rights office "has documented the execution of 129 Ukrainian prisoners of war at the beginning of their captivity, and the deaths of 48 Ukrainian prisoners of war in

custody, resulting from torture, denial of medical care, or other inhumane conditions of detention," Julio said.

The UN Security Council also heard emotionally wrenching accounts from Crimean Tatar human rights activist Leniie Umerova, who called herself a "political prisoner" of the Russians for almost two years, and Khuan Leyva Garsiya, a Ukrainian soldier who was among the hundreds that held out for months at the Azovstal steel plant in the besieged city of Mariupol before turning themselves over to the Russians in May 2022.

Garsiya, who was born in Mariupol to a Ukrainian mother and Cuban father, spent 1,183 days as a POW. He said he weighed 55 kilograms (120 pounds) when he was freed, pulling out a picture of his emaciated body to show the council.

He said he was tortured, beaten harder and humiliated more than other prisoners because the Russians suspected that he was a foreign mercenary due to his Cuban ancestry or an American spy because he went to college in the United States.

"Russians were outraged that someone with a connection to Cuba, whom they consider an ally,

would fight against their occupation army," said Garsiya, who is still in the Ukrainian military.

He said the Russians tried to break the prisoners mentally and force them to confess to falsified crimes through tortures including freezing, beatings, electrocution and sexual abuse, he said.

"Two of my friends were beaten to death in detention centers in the Donetsk region," Garsiya said. "Two of my friends died because of the conditions they were put in in Russian prisons and were returned in plastic bags to the homeland."

For Umerova, her captivity began when she tried to enter Russia from Georgia to visit her seriously ill father in Crimea, which is part of Ukraine but has been occupied by Russia since 2014.

She said she was placed in detention on "fabricated charges." But unlike many others, she was able to contact an attorney. In the third month, she said, her attorney obtained her release through a court order.

"But as soon as the prison gates opened, a bag was put over my head and I was taken away again." In six months, she said she was moved to seven different facilities, calling it "a carousel of re-

pression."

What happened to her, Umerova said, is part of a system Russia uses to unlawfully detain, isolate, torture and fabricate charges against civilians. She named half a dozen women in Russian prisons today and said at least 84 women have faced criminal prosecution.

UN human rights experts also interviewed 816 Russians and 57 third-country national prisoners of war from over 45 countries who were members of the Russian armed forces in Ukraine, said Julio, the assistant secretary-general.

About half reported torture or ill-treatment, primarily during the initial stages of captivity and interrogation by Ukrainians, she said. But UN monitors reported that once they arrived in Ukrainian detention facilities, "the conditions generally comply with international humanitarian law and have improved since 2022."

Russia's deputy UN Ambassador Maria Zabolotskaya told the council the Russian armed forces are complying with international humanitarian law, which includes the treatment of prisoners. She claimed Russian prisoners in Ukraine faced "torture and degradation, and moral and physical abuse."

She called the Security Council meeting part of "a disinformation campaign against Russia," funded by NATO countries involved in the Ukraine conflict. The aim, she said, "is to derail efforts towards a peace settlement and to justify strikes on the territory of Russia and against civilians."

Ukraine's deputy UN Ambassador Volodymyr Pavlichenko said he was struck that during Monday's meeting, Russia was not ready to discuss the return of POWs — "including their POWs" — and all civilian detainees including abducted children.

MI News Service, Washington: US military operations killed 153 civilians and wounded 243 in 2025, a U.S. official said on Tuesday, citing Pentagon assessments, marking a sharp rise from the civilian casualties recorded in 2024.

According to a Pentagon report submitted to the U.S. Congress and published by U.S. media, all civilian deaths and injuries recorded in 2025 resulted from three U.S. strikes in Yemen in April.

The U.S. Central Command assessed that the three strikes "more likely than not" resulted in civilian harm, the report said.

The Pentagon had assessed that U.S. military operations killed two civilians and injured two others in 2024.

The report also said that, as of February 2026, the U.S. Central Command was assessing 15 other incidents in Yemen following reports received through non-governmental organizations.

The U.S. military has said its operations in Yemen are aimed at degrading the capabilities of Iran-backed Houthi militants.

The Pentagon assessment did not include casualties from U.S. strikes in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. As of February 1, 2026, the U.S. Southern Command assessed that "there were no



incidents in which civilian casualties more likely than not resulted from U.S. military operations in the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility in 2025."

The Trump administration has carried out strikes against vessels it accuses of transporting narcotics in the Eastern Pacific, describing those targeted as "narco-terrorists."

Those strikes have killed more than 200 people since September 2025, according to a tally of death tolls published after each strike.

Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International consider the strikes unlawful extrajudicial killings. The American Civil Liberties Union has described the Trump administration's assertions about those targeted as "unsubstantiated, fear-mongering claims."

BRITAIN gets ready to embrace fifth heat-wave



MI News Service, London: Large parts of western Europe will be sweltering once again with Britain poised for its fifth heat wave of an exceptional summer that is expected to be the hottest on record.

Forecasters are predicting the mercury to rise as high as 38 Celsius (100 Fahrenheit) in central and southeast England, falling just short of the August record of 38.5 C in 2003.

The Met Office said earlier this week that only average conditions were needed for the rest of August to beat last year's record for the hottest year.

For a country that's largely not equipped to deal with these levels of heat, it's been a particularly uncomfortable few weeks.

That's particularly true

in hospitals where nurses have been known to collapse from heat exhaustion, according to the Royal College of Nursing.

"When nursing staff are collapsing, feeling dizzy, sick or even being admitted to the very hospitals they work in because their workplaces cannot handle the heat, it shows just how badly they are being failed," said RCN chief executive and general secretary Professor Nicola Ranger.

The bulk of the country is now officially in drought, heaping pressure on water resources for households, agriculture and the environment.

Southern Water, which oversees supplies in the south of England, has applied for a rare drought order which would ban

businesses from nonessential water use, including cleaning cars and filling nondomestic swimming pools, saying an "exceptional" lack of rain has threatened supplies in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Environment Secretary Angela Eagle will decide on the application, which would be the first such ban since May 2006.

Meanwhile, wildfires have been blazing uncontrollably, most notably this week in the New Forest in southern England. Some 1,017 wildfires have been recorded in England and Wales this year, according to data from the National Fire Chiefs Council, the same as last year's record-breaking total.

Though not on the level as those witnessed in France, Greece and Spain, they provide ample evidence of the need for the U.K. to adjust to a new reality.

Prime Minister Andy Burnham has said he will consider imposing a ban on disposable barbecues amid the risk of further wildfires as extreme heat continues to grip parts of the U.K.

"I do believe we need to get the message out loud and clear," he said. "People should not be using those barbecues outside at this moment in time."

Temporary Augmentation of Coaches in Various Trains to Clear Rush



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: To provide more comfortable travel facilities to passengers and to cater to the increased rush of commuters during the upcoming week, Indian Railways to temporarily augment additional coaches in several important express trains as detailed below.

- Train No. 12837 Howrah-Puri Express will be augmented with one Sleeper Class coach from 15th to 21st August 2026.

- Train No. 18030 Shalimar-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express will be augmented with one 3rd AC and one Sleeper Class coach from 15th to 21st August 2026.
 - Train No. 18039 Shalimar-Puri Express will be augmented with two Sleeper Class coaches on 16th August 2026.
 - Train No. 18045 Shalimar-Charlapalli Express will be augmented with one 3rd AC coach from 15th to 21st August 2026.
 - Train No. 18063 Santragachi-Yelahanka Express will be augmented with one 3rd AC coach on 20th August 2026.
 - Train No. 18107 Rourkela-Jagdalur Express will be augmented with one Sleeper Class coach on 15th and 16th August 2026.
- The temporary augmentation of coaches will provide additional berths to passengers traveling on these important routes and help accommodate the growing travel demand during the period.

BANGLADESH curbs power use as gas shortages worsen

MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladesh is intensifying electricity-saving measures as the country grapples with gas shortages, power cuts and the broader fallout from the Iran crisis.

Under a government directive that took effect on Thursday, shops, markets and shopping malls must close by 8 p.m. (1400 GMT), one hour earlier than previously. Commercial establishments are now permitted to operate only between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., while hospitals, pharmacies and food-related businesses are exempt.

The move comes as natural gas shortages continue to constrain power generation. Limited gas supplies have reduced electricity generation, leaving the national grid facing a shortfall of several hundred megawatts during peak

hours and triggering load-shedding in different parts of the country.

The situation has been aggravated by the Iran crisis, which has disrupted energy markets and increased volatility in global fuel and LNG prices.

Bangladesh, increasingly reliant on imported LNG as domestic gas production declines, is vulnerable to supply disruptions and rising import costs. A recent outage at an LNG terminal further strained supplies, temporarily reducing gas flows to the national grid.

The conflict has heightened uncertainty over LNG availability and made securing energy supplies more expensive at a time when Bangladesh already faces a wide gap between gas demand and supply.

Continuation Of Service Of Bhagalpur – Danapur – Bhagalpur Shravani Mela Special

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the extra rush of passengers, Railway has decided to continue the service of 03233/03234 Bhagalpur – Danapur – Bhagalpur Shravani Mela special (unreserved) as per its existing path, stoppages & timings. 03234

Metro To Run 194 Services On Blue Line And 148 Services On Green Line On Independence Day

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway will operate modified services on the Blue and Green Lines on the occasion of Independence Day, i.e. 15.08.2026 (Saturday), a holiday.

BLUE LINE

Metro Railway will run 194 services (97 UP + 97 DN) on the Blue Line on Independence Day.

There will be no change in the timings of the first and last Metro services.

GREEN LINE

Metro Railway will run 148 services (74 UP + 74 DN) on the Green Line on Independence Day.

There will be no change in the timings of the first and last Metro services.

YELLOW LINE

Metro Railway will run normal 92 services (46 UP + 46 DN) on the Yellow Line on Independence Day.

Eastern Railway Reaffirms Commitment to Safe Operations at High-Level Safety Review Meeting

MI News Service, Kolkata: Satish Kumar, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, chaired the monthly high-level safety review through video conferencing with General Managers of all Zonal Railways and Divisional Railway Managers. Gitika Pandey, General Manager, Eastern Railway, joined the meeting from the Eastern Railway headquarters at Fairlie Place, Kolkata, accompanied by the Additional General Manager, Principal Chief Safety Officer and other Principal Heads of Department.



The review, convened to assess operational safety and infrastructure readiness across the national network, heard a detailed presentation from Eastern Railway outlining its ongoing safety initiatives and infrastructure-monitoring measures. A key priority discussed was the expansion of CCTV coverage across passenger terminals to bolster station security and improve surveil-

lance capabilities.

Eastern Railway also reported the effective functioning of its 54 Electronic In-Motion Weighbridges (EIMWBs). Officials said the EIMWBs play a critical role in accurate load monitoring of freight rakes, thereby protecting track integrity and reducing derailment risks. The zone provided updates on rigorous track maintenance regimes, including routine patrolling, tamping and renewal works aimed at preserving track geometry and reliability.

Advanced signalling safety projects received particular attention, with Eastern Railway detailing progress on interlocking upgrades, relay replacement and commissioning of modern automatic signalling systems to enhance train control and reduce human-error risks. The board reviewed ongoing construction and commissioning of Road Overbridges (ROBs) and Road Underbridges (RUBs), projects that are expected to significantly improve level crossing safety and road-rail traffic flow.

Preventive measures to address waterlogging in Limited

Height Subways (LHS) and RUBs were also discussed, with Eastern Railway outlining planned drainage improvements and periodic desilting operations to ensure uninterrupted use during monsoon periods. The welfare and safety of train crew and operating staff formed another pillar of the presentation, with proposals for enhanced training, provision of protective equipment and strengthened support systems for on-duty personnel.

"Eastern Railway remains fully committed to upholding the highest safety standards across all aspects of train operations," said Shibram Majhi, Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway. He added that, under the Railway Board's guidance, the zone is intensifying efforts to upgrade track infrastructure, signalling frameworks and passenger security systems to ensure a safe, smooth and dependable travel experience for all passengers.

Howrah Division Organises Tiranga Walk and Exhibition under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign 2026



Howrah, 13 August 2026: As part of the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign 2026, Howrah Division, Eastern Railway, organised a Tiranga Walk and a Tiranga Exhibition at Howrah today to celebrate the spirit of patriotism, national unity and pride in the Tricolour.

The Tiranga Walk commenced from the New DRM Building and proceeded towards Boro Ghor, Old Complex. Officers and staff of Howrah Division participated enthusiastically in the walk, expressing their pride and respect for the National Flag.

A Tiranga Exhibition was held at Boro Ghor, Old Complex, showcasing the spirit and significance of the National Flag and promoting awareness about the values of patriotism, unity and national pride associated with the Tricolour.

The exhibition was followed by a Prize Distribution Ceremony for the Drawing and Essay Competitions, where participating students were felicitated for their enthusiasm, creativity and thoughtful contributions.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers, staff and students, creating an atmosphere of patriotism and collective pride in the National Flag.

Through such initiatives, Howrah Division, Eastern Railway, continues to encourage active participation in the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and promote the spirit of national unity and pride among railway personnel and the wider community.

All Reservation Offices (Prs & Sro) Over Howrah Division To Be Opened (Morning Shift Only) On Sundays And Nominated Holidays Up To 13.09.2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: For the convenience of the passengers, all Reservation Offices (PRS & SRO) over Howrah Division will remain open on the following Sundays and Holidays on 15.08.2026, 16.08.2026, 23.08.2026, 30.08.2026, 06.09.2026 & 13.09.2026 in morning shift only for booking of tickets for ensuing Puja Festival.

Short Termination/Short Origination Of Trains For Track Maintenance Work Over South Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Track maintenance work between Kita & Silli stations in Ranchi Division over South Eastern Railway on 14.08.2026, 13503/13504 Bardhaman – Hatia – Bardhaman MEMU Express (both journey commencing on 14.08.2026) will be short terminated at /short originated from Gomoh and 63598/63597 Asansol – Ranchi – Asansol MEMU passenger (both journey commencing on 14.08.2026) will be short terminated at /short originated from Muri.

'My job is to only take wickets': Nabi reflects on long wait for India selection

GALLE : Jammu and Kashmir seam-bowling all-rounder Auqib Nabi admitted he had expectations of earning an India call-up after his sensational Ranji Trophy campaign but insisted he remained focused on performing rather than worrying about selection, a mindset that eventually helped him earn his maiden Test call-up.

Nabi claimed 60 wickets in the Ranji Trophy last season and played a pivotal role in Jammu and Kashmir's historic maiden title triumph. Yet, despite finishing as the competition's highest wicket-taker and playing a key role

in the championship-winning campaign, the India call-up did not come immediately.

The 29-year-old said he had expected to be rewarded for his performances but maintained that his responsibility was simply to keep delivering on the field.

"Yes, I had expectations. But at the same time, a cricket player's mindset should be there. Your job is to perform, and the rest will see. If not today, I will join the India team tomorrow," Nabi said in a video released by the BCCI.

"You have been doing well for so many years. You have to reap the fruits of your hard



work. I had the same mindset when I bowled. My job is to take wickets and perform. The rest is up to God," he added.

Nabi's patience eventually paid off when he was called up to India's Test squad for the two-match series against Sri Lanka as a replacement for injured pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah.

The call came at an unexpected moment for Nabi, who was at the airport preparing to travel to Bengaluru for a camp.

"I was at the airport; we had to go to a camp. The flight was going to board in

Bangalore, so I got a call asking where I was. I said, 'Sir, I am going to Bangalore, I am at the airport.'

He said, 'No, you don't have to go there, you have to come to Sri Lanka, and you have been selected.'

At first, I couldn't believe it; it was unexpected," he said.

Nabi's India selection comes after two outstanding Ranji Trophy seasons in which Nabi amassed 104 wickets. His exploits in the 2025-26 campaign also helped Jammu and Kashmir secure their maiden Ranji Trophy title.

"I am very happy that I have been named Ranji Champion. My family is very happy. Nothing can be better than this for me," he said.

Nabi's domestic performances had earlier earned him his maiden IPL contract with Delhi Capitals in IPL 2026.

He featured in five games, while also representing India A on the tour of Sri Lanka, where he picked up six wickets in two four-day matches as India A won the series 1-0.

He had previously been part of the national setup as a back-up net bowler during India's one-off Test against Afghanistan, but his latest

selection marks his first inclusion in the senior Test squad.

Nabi said entering the Indian dressing room has been a special experience, particularly because many of the players he is now sharing the nets and dressing room with are those he had watched on television.

"It was great. Sharing the dressing room with the people we see on TV and sharing the nets is a big deal for me," he said.

India will begin their two-match Test series against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium on August 15.

TANVI, SURAJ BOW OUT IN SEMIS OF SQUASH PSA CHALLENGER TOUR IN KOLKATA

KOLKATA : Women's top seed Tanvi Khanna and men's fourth seed Suraj Kumar Chand bowed out in the semifinals of the HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour event in Kolkata on Thursday.

Tanvi went down to Egyptian third seed Sohayla Hazem 11-6, 2-11, 7-11, 7-11, while Chand lost to Mohamed Gohar, the Egyptian top seed, winning 11-8, 11-2, 11-7.

Earlier, Chand, who won the World University Championships singles crown recently, beat eighth-seed compatriot Om Semwal in four games to reach the semifinals. He overcame Egypt's Hassan Menshaw in a 73-minute-long five-game thriller, 11-4, 8-11, 11-2, 9-11, 11-8 in the pre-quarterfinals.

Earlier on Tuesday, Suraj Chand overcame Egypt's Hassan Menshaw in a 73-minute-long five-game thriller, 11-4, 8-11, 11-2, 9-11, 11-8 in the men's pre-quarterfinals.

In another engrossing five-game contest, Sandhesh Palanivel Ravikumar rallied from 2-0 down to beat sixth seed Ayaan Vaziralli 6-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7 and advance to the men's quarters.

In the women's section, top seed Tanvi Khanna moved to the quarters with a straight-games win over Vasundhara Nangare. She then defeated sixth-seed compatriot Nirupama Dubey in straight games in the quarterfinals before falling to third seed Egyptian Sohayla in the semifinals.

In Friday's all-Egypty finals, Sohayla will take on second seed Menna Walid for the women's title, while Gohar will meet third seed Seif Refaay for the men's crown. The event has a prize fund of USD 9,000 for the men's section, while in the women's section, the prize money is USD 9,000. The HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour has so far organised events in Indore, Mumbai, and Chennai, and is now in Kolkata in its India leg. The HCL Squash PSA Challenger Tour is the second rung of the Professional Squash Association (PSA) Tour with events spread all over major countries.



India tops overall medal tally to lift Wilkinson Sword Trophy at Commonwealth Fencing C'ship

LAGOS (NIGERIA) : The Indian fencing contingent created history by winning the overall championship title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2026. Team India completed a spectacular four-day campaign with an unprecedented total of 35 medals-13 gold, 8 silver and 14 bronze across both U-23 and senior competitions.

The historic victory culminated with an overwhelming performance in the senior team competitions. Indian fencers asserted absolute supremacy across all disciplines, capturing five gold medals out of the six contested team events.

Team India secured top honours in men's sabre, women's sabre, men's epee, women's epee, and women's foil, alongside a hard-fought silver medal in men's foil. This remarkable final sweep cemented India's position at the top of the leaderboards and officially earned the country the prestigious Wilkinson Sword Trophy - awarded since 1982 by the Commonwealth Fencing Federation to the nation with the best overall results.

Team success capped off three previous days of exceptional individual performances in Lagos. The campaign kicked off on Day 1 with a

massive 17-medal haul in the U-23 individual events (4 gold, 4 silver, 9 bronze), featuring a complete podium sweep in men's sabre led by gold medallist Nikhil Wagh, alongside individual gold medals from Joys Ashita (women's foil), Prachi Lohan (women's epee), and Jeferlin (women's sabre).

On Day 2, Team India transitioned into senior individual action, collecting 7 medals (1 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze), headlined by a gold-silver finish from Tanishka Khatri and Khushi Dabhade in senior women's epee.

On Day 3, Indian fencers added 5 more medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) with dominant gold-medal runs from Kanaglakshmi (Senior Women's Foil), Rajendran Shanthimol Sherjin (Senior Men's Épée), and Singh Karan Singh (Senior Men's Sabre).

Behind the athletes' victory was a dedicated support system led by coaches Bharatji Thakor, Shrihari Pise, and Shankar Narayanan, physiotherapist Amruta Balkawade, and team manager Manu Tyagi, whose tactical guidance, physical conditioning, and event management proved essential throughout the four-day competition.



'I haven't had enough opportunities to show my talent': Praveen Dubey determined to make IPL chance count

NEW DELHI : For spinner Praveen Dubey, being part of an Indian Premier League (IPL) squad has never been the same as getting a genuine run in the playing XI. After years of waiting, learning from some of the biggest names in Indian cricket and continuing to build his game in domestic competitions, the Punjab Kings leg-spinner believes he is ready to make the most of his next opportunity.

Dubey, who entered the IPL ecosystem with Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2016 before moving to Delhi Capitals and now Punjab Kings (PBKS), admitted that he is yet to get enough chances to demonstrate his full potential at the highest level. Rather than allowing that frustration to weigh on him, the leg-spinner has chosen to focus on his development and remain prepared for the moment his opportunity arrives.

"Until now, I haven't had enough opportunities to play and show my talent or performance. So, I have started my process in the domestic and local leagues. And I am ready for any chance I get," Praveen told IANS in an exclusive interview.

The wait is not unfamiliar for Dubey. His first IPL season with RCB was largely a learning experience, as the youngster spent time with senior players and tried to understand what was required to perform at the highest level. "So, my first year was a very good learning experience for me. I was selected for the IPL for the first

time," he added.

Among the senior figures he interacted with was Virat Kohli, with Dubey using those conversations to work on the mental side of his game while waiting for his opportunity. "At that time, I had Virat with me. I used to talk to him about how I could improve my mindset. And in between, I used to think that whenever I get a chance to play, I should do well," Dubey stated.

After spending two years around the RCB setup without getting a consistent opportunity, Dubey moved to DC. His chance eventually came soon after joining the franchise, and he was able to carry the confidence of his domestic performances into the IPL.

"When I didn't get a chance to play for a year or two, then I went to DC. I got a chance to play there only after two matches. So, I was with the players for 2 years during my time at RCB. And I was trying to do what I did in my domestic career. And after playing, it turned out very well. And then I played in the 2020 finals. So, that experience was very good," he mentioned.

At Punjab Kings, Dubey has another opportunity to learn from an established leg-spinner, with Yuzvendra Chahal now part of the same bowling group. The relationship between the two goes back to their RCB days, giving Dubey an experienced teammate with whom he can discuss the finer details of T20 bowling.



"I was with Yuzi in RCB as well. We used to talk a lot. And obviously, it feels good to bowl with him. And you get to learn a lot, too. He has played so many matches. He is the highest wicket-taker in the IPL," he opined.

While Chahal's presence provides a valuable learning opportunity, Dubey also believes the two could potentially operate together if conditions favour spin, as he stated, "But at the same time, I thought that if the ground conditions are such that the spinners get more help, then maybe we can play together as well."

'We have skill, fitness, mindset to challenge any team': Savita ahead of Hockey WC



NEW DELHI : Indian women's hockey team goalkeeper Savita Punia says India will enter the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2026 with renewed belief after winning the FIH Nations Cup, with the veteran preparing for her third consecutive World Cup and confident that the side has the quality to compete with every opponent in the tournament.

For Punia, the upcoming global event carries added personal significance. Having represented India at two previous World Cups, the experienced goalkeeper views a third appearance as the result of years of commitment and as an opportunity to shoulder greater responsibility within the squad.

"Playing in the World Cup means a lot to me because this is my third World Cup. For any hockey player, the World Cup and the Olympics are the two biggest stages. Every athlete dreams of representing their country on those platforms. To be part of a third consecutive World Cup is a huge achievement. I have worked extremely hard to get here, and in every edition, I have tried to give my best for the team. This time, I have more experience, and that gives me confidence. As a senior player, I want to lead by example, stay calm under pressure, and help the team perform at its best," Savita told JioStar.

That experience, she believes, will be important for a team that heads into the World Cup after one of its most encouraging recent campaigns. India's Nations Cup success not only brought home a gold medal but also strengthened the players' confidence after several close contests against leading international sides.

"Winning the FIH Nations Cup was a big achievement because all the top teams were there. It was a competitive tournament, and coming out on top gave us a huge boost and winning a gold medal after a long time has lifted the team's morale and belief. In recent years, during the FIH Pro League, we have played close matches against top sides like Argentina, Netherlands, and Germany. Those games showed

us that we can match the best teams in the world. I can confidently say about this Indian women's hockey team that while all the teams are world-class, there is no team we cannot compete with. We have the skill, the fitness, and the mindset to challenge anyone on our day," she added.

India's belief, according to Punia, is rooted in more than recent results. She pointed to the team's changing approach to preparation, where players now take greater ownership of their physical conditioning, recovery and performance outside regular training sessions.

"We are going into the Women's Hockey World Cup with a lot of confidence, but our main focus is on our own game. Every team in the World Cup is strong, and there are no easy matches. But if we play to our strengths and stick to our plans, we have a real chance of finishing on the podium. We are putting in the hard work every single day, both individually and as a unit. The approach has changed over time. Earlier, players used to do only what the coach told them. Now, everyone takes ownership of their fitness and recovery. We pay atten-

tion to diet, injury prevention, and extra sessions. As goalkeepers, we often have three or four additional sessions in a week, but we stay motivated because we know it will help us perform when it matters most," Savita stated.

As one of the senior-most members of the group, Punia also highlighted the leadership dynamic within the squad, reserving special praise for captain Salma Tete and the way she works alongside vice-captain Navneet Kaur to keep the team connected.

"Salma is not only a great captain but also a phenomenal player and an aggressive midfielder. Her speed is a big strength for us, especially when she charges out as the first runner during penalty corner defense. She reads the game well and puts pressure on the opposition early. As senior players, we support her in keeping the team united and focused. She respects the senior players, seeks advice when needed, and maintains a strong connection with the team. Along with vice-captain Navneet Kaur, she helps lead the group forward and ensures everyone stays on the same page," she mentioned.

better chance of creating pressure. "I feel that most of the time, the bowling that I am doing right now, I am only looking to take wickets. If I am going to save a lot, then that is a negative thing. And there are runs as well. Recently, I have also played in the Maharaja Trophy. So, my main focus was to go for the wicket. And that thing was helping me as well," Dubey said.

For Dubey, the idea is to make aggressive batters uncomfortable and force them into taking risks.

"After going for a wicket, the batsmen automatically go into defensive mode, and we can attack more. And it depends on which batsman - right-handed batsman or left-handed batsman - I have for which wicket-taking ball. So, I bowl according to that. I feel that if I bowl my best ball to the most attacking batsmen and don't give them boundaries easily, they will try something extra, which will increase my chances of getting a wicket," he noted.

That attacking mindset also means accepting that boundaries will come. Dubey believes the key is not to let one expensive delivery change his approach.

"T20 is such a game that even good balls have boundaries. And nowadays, as you can see in cricket, T20 is being played so easily. So, my mindset is to focus on my strengths. I will try to bowl my best ball. If there are boundaries or anything, then I don't have a problem. But if I get a mark on a

good ball, then I don't have a problem. I will focus on that only," he expressed.

Dubey's preparations have not been limited to bowling. His recent stint in the Maharaja Trophy also saw him put considerable emphasis on his batting, with the aim of making himself a more useful all-round option.

"Recently, I played the Maharaja Trophy, and I have also worked a lot on batting. So, I do bowl, but I have also won a lot of matches. So, as an all-rounder, I can play in the team. I will also contribute in bowling and 100% in batting."

That additional dimension could become important for Dubey as he looks to make himself harder to leave out when an opportunity comes his way.

Despite his years in and around the IPL, Dubey said he has learned not to allow periods on the bench to become a source of overwhelming pressure. Instead, he turns to senior players and coaches for perspective. "When I feel I am not getting a chance, I talk to the senior players or coaches, and they tell me it happens to all the players. You have to wait for your chance."

That advice has shaped his approach to the latest phase of his IPL journey. "So, I am doing the same thing. I am focusing on the process and waiting for my chance. Whenever I get a chance, I will do my best for the team and win," Dubey concluded.

LA LIGA: NEW SEASON BEGINS WITH BARCELONA, REAL MADRID ABSENT FROM OPENING WEEKEND

MADRID : The 2026-27 La Liga season kicks off this weekend with a reduced list of matches, as teams whose players featured beyond the semifinals of the FIFA World Cup do not start their season for another week.

That means FC Barcelona, Athletic Club, Real Madrid, Real Betis and Real Sociedad will not feature on the opening weekend, while Atletico Madrid will play Malaga on Wednesday.

Deportivo Alaves and Getafe kick off the new season on Saturday, with Alaves coach Quique Sanchez Flores and his Getafe counterpart Jose Bordalas each having previously coached the other side. Saturday's second match sees Sevilla at home to Rayo Vallecano.

Rayo is unable to play in its Vallecas Stadium for the moment, and pre-season results have not been impressive, while Sevilla has seen players such as Djibril Sow, Akor Adams and Nemanja Gudelj all depart and looks to have a weaker squad than the one that struggled for much of last year, reports Xinhua.

Racing Santander returns to the top flight for the first time since 2012 with a home game against Villarreal on Sunday. Villarreal has former Rayo coach Inigo Perez making his debut, while Racing needs to tighten up a defense that conceded 61 goals despite winning the second division.

Espanyol is at home to Levante in a game between two sides that avoided relegation last season, with Levante needing to find a replacement for striker Carlos Espi, who has joined Real Madrid.

Celta Vigo could have postponed its opening-day game at home to Osasuna given that striker Borja Iglesias formed part of the triumphant Spain team at the World Cup, but with UEFA Europa League games in the coming weeks, the club opted to play, although the match is reportedly under threat due to a fungal infection on the pitch at its Balaidos Stadium.

There will be a packed house at Riazor Stadium on Monday when Deportivo plays its first La Liga game in eight years at home to Elche.